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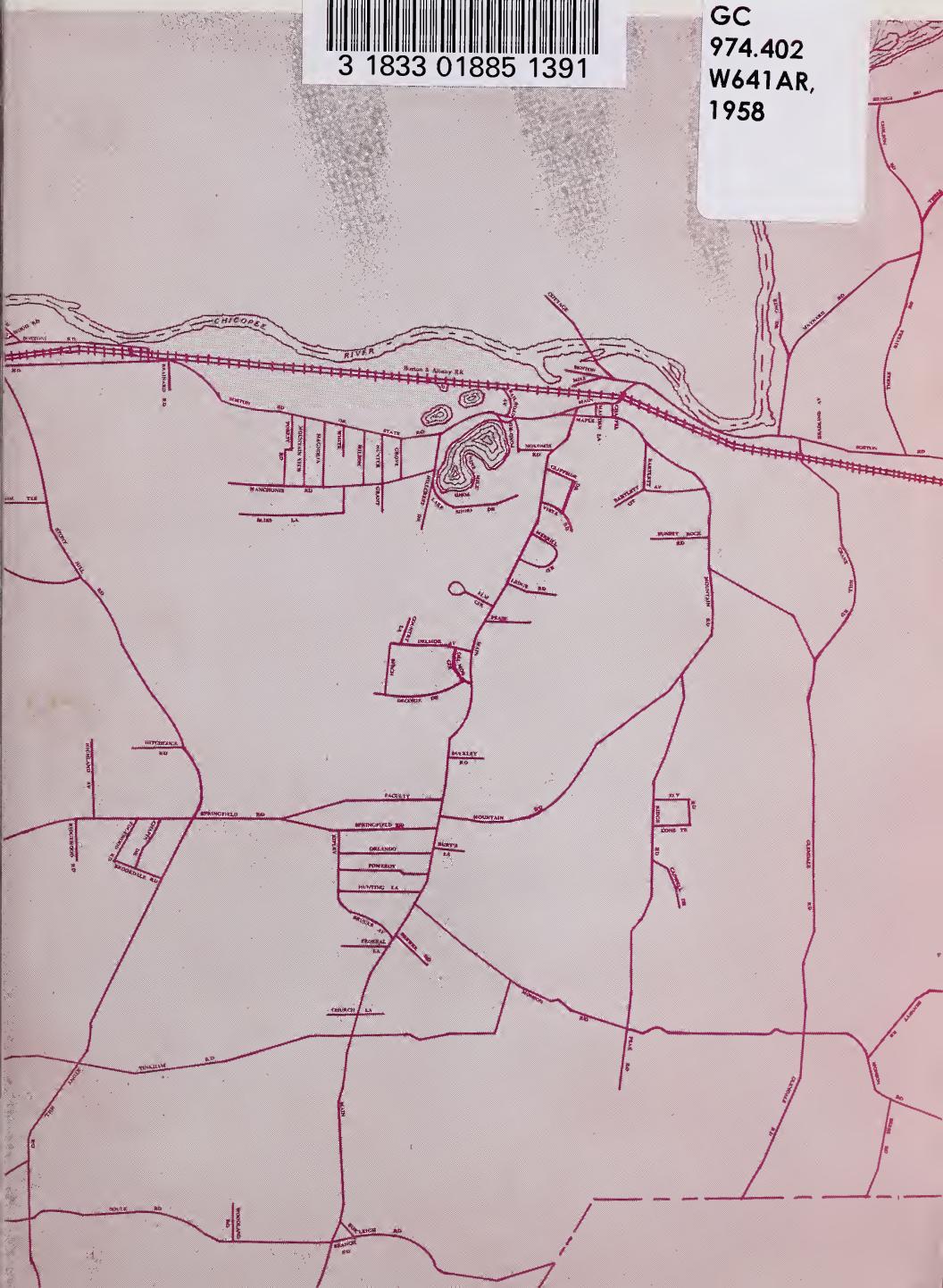
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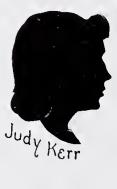
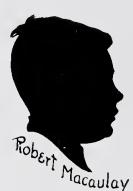
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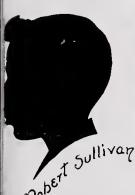
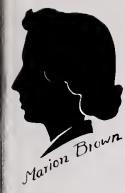


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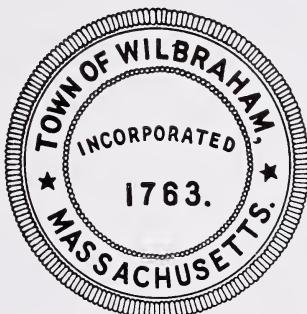
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## WILBRAHAM MASSACHUSETTS



# 1958

The silhouettes used as endsheets were created by Mrs. Helen B. Tower. They represent all the 9th grade students in the Wilbraham School System who will graduate in 1959. The silhouettes shown in the insert represent all the first grade students in the Wilbraham School System in 1950. Nine years later they represent the last ninth grade to graduate from Memorial School.

## **Governmental Districts and Representatives for the Town of Wilbraham**

Second Congressional District

Seventh Councillor District

Worcester and Hampden Senatorial District

First Hampden Representative District

*United States Senators*

John F. Kennedy, Boston  
Leverett Saltonstall, Dover

George A. Safford

Herbert Sanborn  
Gilbert E. Stacy  
Harold F. Swetland  
Robert I. Welch  
Thomas B. Welch  
Mansfield S. Williams

*Representative in General Court*

Raymond H. Beach, Wilbraham  
George T. Smith, East Long.

Raymond Beach, Jr.  
(Associate Member)  
Filomena M. Gilbert  
(Associate Member)  
Douglas M. Trevallion  
(Associate Member)

*State Senator*

Paul H. Benoit, Southbridge

*County Commissioners*

William F. Stapleton, Holyoke  
Ralph P. Walsh, Longmeadow  
Thomas F. Sullivan, Springfield

*Republican Town Committee*

Stanley Arabic  
Sally D. Barnhart  
Carol R. Beach  
Roland H. Bennett  
J. Loring Brooks  
Phyllis R. Christensen  
William H. Dawson  
Roger W. Folsom  
Oren K. Gilbert  
Edward Godfrey  
Harold R. Goodnow  
Herman G. Grandchamp  
Albert Greendale  
Harold K. Jones  
Edmund S. Lee, III  
Larry D. Lewis  
Stella Marco  
Charles L. Merrick  
Albert E. Morgan  
Carl Nelson  
Faith C. Plumb  
E. Helen Porter  
Haldimond S. Putnam, Jr.  
Evelyn H. Rademaekers  
Jesse L. Rice

*Democratic Town Committee*

John Baldwin  
Henry Baush  
Edward S. Bogacz  
Constantine Cioch  
William G. Dale  
Earl Decorie  
Cornelius Donovan  
Irene Donovan  
Edward Felsentreger  
Edward Irla  
Longin S. Jachym  
Everett Kerr  
Stanley Kogut  
Henry Kosakowski  
Frederick T. Los  
Bert Nietupski  
Thomas Normoyle  
Patrick O'Connor  
Stella M. Pluta  
Frederick Reidy  
Alphonse S. Sambor  
Helen Starczewski  
Raymond Stebbins  
Stanley Swiecanski  
Stanley Szczebak  
Herbert E. Tolzman  
Leonard VonFlatern, Sr.

## **Elected Town Officers AND DATE OF EXPIRATION OF TERM**

<i>Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare</i>	<i>Trustees of Public Library</i>
Jesse L. Rice, <i>Chairman</i> , 1959	Stanley O. Smith, 1959
Richard L. Danforth, 1960	Marguerite G. Brady, 1960
Roger T. Hintze, 1961	Barbara B. Dickey, <i>Chair.</i> , 1961
<i>Town Collector</i>	<i>Constables</i>
Lillian E. Thompson, 1959 (Resigned)	Ernest L. Bacon, 1959 (Deceased)
Mark E. Reynolds (Appointed to fill vacancy)	Robert A. Converse, 1959
	Robert C. Dietz, 1959
<i>Town Clerk</i>	Jerry Donohue, 1959 (Deceased)
Doris G. Cochran, 1959	Gardner R. M. Files, 1959
<i>Assessors</i>	<i>Moderator</i>
George Alden Safford, <i>Chr.</i> , 1959	Ernest W. Furnans, Jr., 1959
E. Ray Pease, 1960	
Allan R. Kinney, 1961	<i>Planning Board</i>
<i>School Committee</i>	Richard H. Morgan, <i>V.-Chr.</i> , 1959
Marshall E. Roper, 1959	William H. Shortell, <i>Clerk</i> , 1960
Dorrance T. Green, <i>Chair.</i> , 1960	Bion T. Wheeler, Jr., 1961
Alexander W. Marco, 1960	Robert A. Edwards, <i>Chair.</i> , 1962
Ethel M. Musselman, 1961	Leo E. Kuehn, 1963
Margaret L. Williams, 1961	<i>Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District Committee</i>
<i>Town Treasurer</i>	Marshall E. Roper, 1959
Doris G. Cochran, 1959	Margaret F. Wiggenhauser, 1959
<i>Auditor</i>	Ernest W. Furnans, Jr., 1960
William T. Payne, 1959	Francis E. Reese, 1961
<i>Tree Warden</i>	Ethel M. Musselman, 1959
Ernest M. Hayn, 1959	<i>Pound Keeper</i>
<i>Cemetery Commissioners</i>	Ernest L. Bacon, 1959 (Deceased)
Henry R. Hyde, 1959	
Roland H. Bennett, 1960	<i>Surveyors of Lumber</i>
Arthur D. Tripp, 1961	Walter H. Clark, 1959
<i>Water Commissioners</i>	Jesse L. Rice, 1959
John F. Baldwin, 1959	<i>Field Drivers</i>
Walter L. Woods, <i>Chairman</i> , 1960	Jerry Donohue, 1959 (Deceased)
Robert W. Maynard, 1961	Alvin A. Richmond, 1959
	Leonard F. VonFlatern, Sr., 1959
	<i>Weighers of Grain</i>
	Welden G. Jameson, 1959
	Jesse L. Rice, 1959
	<i>Measurers of Wood and Charcoal</i>
	Walter H. Clark, 1959
	Edward P. Lindsay, 1959

## **In Memoriam**

ERNEST L. BACON  
JERRY DONOHUE

GEORGE E. EGAN  
BURR J. MERRIAM

## **Officers Appointed by Selectmen**

### **AND DATE OF EXPIRATION OF TERM**

<i>Superintendent of Streets</i>	<i>School Building Committee</i>
Herbert L. Butler, 1959	Dorrance T. Green, 1959
<i>Dog Officer</i>	Wesley H. Holdridge, 1959
Ernest L. Bacon, 1959 (Deceased)	Albert H. Howes, 1959
Robert C. Dietz	Harry R. Jeffrey, 1959
(Appointed to fill vacancy)	Leo E. Kuehn, 1959
<i>Milk Inspector</i>	<i>Sealer of Weights and Measures</i>
<i>Health Officer (Sanitarian)</i>	Charles L. Merrick, 1959
John C. Brickett, 1959	
<i>Secretary to Selectmen</i>	<i>Fence Viewers</i>
Doris G. Cochran, 1959	Gordon W. Holdridge, 1959
<i>Welfare Agent</i>	Harry R. Jeffrey, 1959
Helen C. Boden, 1959	Pearl R. Kinney, 1959
<i>Bookkeeper</i>	<i>Registrars of Voters</i>
Josephine M. Pease, 1959	Doris G. Cochran, 1959 (Ex-Officio)
<i>Building Inspector</i>	George E. Egan, 1959 (Deceased)
George Herter, 1959 (Resigned)	Wesley H. Holdridge
Frederick J. Macaulay	(Appointed to fill vacancy)
(Appointed to fill vacancy)	William L. Dempsey, 1960 (Resigned)
<i>Assistant Building Inspector</i>	Henry P. Baush
Ernest L. Bacon, 1959 (Deceased)	(Appointed to fill vacancy)
<i>Moth Inspector</i>	Harold R. Porter, 1961 (Resigned)
E. Ray Pease, 1959	Leonard F. VonFlatern, Sr.
<i>Board of Appeals</i>	(Appointed to fill vacancy)
Arthur I. Macdonald, 1959 (Associate Member)	<i>Playground Commissioners</i>
Pearl R. Kinney, 1959	Robert J. Driscoll, 1959
Ralph E. Keyes, 1959	Victor S. Kodis, 1959
Albert L. Martin, 1960	Dr. Gordon C. MacKay, 1959
John R. Lyman, 1961	
<i>Town Counsel</i>	<i>Board of Fire Commissioners</i>
Frank Auchter, 1959	Wesley G. Chapman, 1959
<i>Animal Inspector</i>	Dr. John P. Sigsbee, 1959
Ernest L. Bacon (Deceased)	Ettore L. Pederzani, 1959
Clifford A. Bradway	
(Appointed to fill vacancy)	<i>Civil Defense Personnel</i>
<i>Inspector of Slaughtering</i>	Roger T. Hintze, Director, 1959
Ernest L. Bacon (Deceased)	Walter P. Howe, Jr., Assistant Director, 1959
Clifford A. Bradway	Michael J. Rudy, Asst. Dir., 1959
(Appointed to fill vacancy)	
<i>Fire Chief</i>	<i>Finance Committee</i>
<i>Forest Warden</i>	Aldo E. Alberici, 1959
Ralph E. Tupper, Sr., 1959	Frederick M. Cohn, Jr., Chr., 1959
<i>School Dentist</i>	Irving J. Cordner, 1959
Irving P. Dinneen, D.M.D., 1959	Herman G. Grandchamp, 1959
<i>Veterans Agent</i>	Albert H. Howes, 1959
George Martin, 1959	Chester L. Jones, 1959
	Albert E. Neale, 1959
	Stanley W. Opalinski, 1959
	Fred T. Googins, 1959

**Well Child Clinic**  
Carmela Alberici, 1959  
Lillian E. Allen, 1959  
Louise E. Angell, 1959  
Barbara T. Brooks, 1959  
Adelle R. Graves, 1959  
Lorraine K. Hackney, 1959  
Jane M. Horacek, 1959  
Mae Irwin, 1959  
Babbette F. Laberge, 1959  
Avis B. Ryder, 1959

**Town History Bi-Centennial Committee**  
J. Loring Brooks, 1959  
Irving J. Cordner, 1959  
Henry I. Edson, 1959  
Raymond F. Gurney, 1959  
Harry R. Jeffrey, 1959  
Ralph M. Kilcourse, 1959  
John J. Lyons, 1959  
Albert L. Martin, 1959  
Charles L. Merrick, 1959  
Carl Nelson, 1959

**Insurance Review Committee**  
Aldo Alberici, 1959  
Arthur R. Brown, 1959  
Jesse M. Canerdy, 1959  
Alexander W. Marco, 1959  
Bert Mount, 1959  
Leland W. Shaw, 1959

**Radio Advisory Committee**  
Henry M. Baier, 1959  
John R. Lyman, 1959  
Jesse L. Rice, 1959  
**Wilbraham Police**  
Robert C. Dietz, *Captain*, 1959  
**Civic Survey Committee**  
J. Clarence Allen  
Richard G. Burke  
Henry P. Baush  
Frederick M. Cohn, Jr.  
Robert A. Edwards  
Lloyd M. Hoover  
Wesley H. Holdridge  
Harry R. Jeffrey  
Ralph M. Kilcourse  
Bert Mount  
Russell R. Moffatt  
Bert Nietupski  
Stevens L. Shea  
Wallace C. Tiffany  
**Betterment Assessment Study Committee**  
Frank Auchter, *Town Counsel*  
Richard L. Danforth  
Albert H. Howes  
Leo E. Kuehn  
George Alden Safford  
Stevens L. Shea  
Walter L. Woods

### **Selectmen's Report**

The past year has been a year in which many projects have been completed. These accomplishments include the dedication of two of our churches, Wilbraham United Church and St. Cecelia's Church, the new Post Office, a group of stores at Wilbraham Center and the twelve-room addition at the Stony Hill School. The Building Inspector's report indicates that fewer new homes were constructed but new residential building shows a trend toward slightly higher-priced homes. We also completed during the past year a new Highway Department building which now gives us plenty of storage space for the Highway and Police vehicles and equipment.

Another item of major interest was the building of the first radioactive fall-out shelter which was completed just south of the Fire Station on U. S. Route 20 at no cost to the Town. Our Fire Department likewise distinguished themselves by build-

ing a tanker at a cost of just under \$800, which has a valuation for insurance purposes of \$15,000.

Your Board, with the cooperation of the Planning Board, Assessors and Finance Committee, have been working hard to encourage business and industrial concerns to locate in Town. By this time a large 24 unit motel and a 30 lane bowling alley are in the process of construction just adjacent to the Parkway Theatre. By Town Meeting time we may know whether the Friendly Ice Cream Corporation will locate its processing plant in Town. Every possible effort to cooperate and assist in this venture has been extended, and to those who have helped we express our appreciation.

Our Highway Department has done a fine job on the new construction of Monson Road from Ridge Road to Bolles Road under our Chapter 90 construction grant. We realize this project cost more money than was originally contemplated, but because of the change in plans made by the State Engineer and

Wilbraham United Church

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Saint Cecelia's Church

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the massive washouts due to heavy rains during construction, our cost exceeded its original estimate.

This year, 1959, we hope to do the rough work on Monson Road from Ridge Road to Glendale Road and perhaps finish the job in 1960 or 1961.

Under our Chapter 81 construction grant for the coming year we hope, with the cooperation of the State Department of Public Works, to continue work on Faculty Street. This project was started during 1958.

One item of major importance is the problem of sewerage. It is one of the most needed services when considering Business and Industrial Development. We are also aware that it will be necessary to discontinue dumping sewerage directly into the Chicopee River from the two small systems that we now have. This problem is going to require a great deal of study and the Town must be prepared to provide the necessary solution sometime in the near future. However, extensions of the sewer system will be expensive and if we can delay action until a specific need is indicated we will, in the meantime, be better able to carry the financial burdens we already face.

Another problem that is foremost in our minds is that of drainage. There are many areas and sections of our highways that are badly in need of proper surface drainage. This is also a very expensive proposition and some consideration will have to be given this subject in the very near future.

Some time ago the Selectmen appointed an Insurance Committee to study the insurance problems of the Town and to submit to us any changes they might recommend. You will see by their report that they have been very active. We as Selectmen certainly appreciate the help this committee has given to us and our Town.

The new type street lights will be extended during the coming year to include those areas where sidewalks are installed and also near the entrances to our various schools. As stated in our previous report we would like to see this program continued by slightly increasing our budget each year until all main roads and major intersections have been properly lighted.

As a result of the vote of the townspeople at the Annual Meeting in 1958, the boundaries of the three voting precincts have been changed so as to balance the population more evenly and thus facilitate the counting of ballots at elections. Also based on the vote at the 1958 Town Meeting, Town Elections and the Annual Town Meeting will, beginning in 1959, be held on separate days, with the election falling on the first Saturday in March and the Annual Meeting following within 30 days on a date set by the Selectmen.

The Massachusetts General Laws require that all persons on the Town payroll, other than those holding elective office, be retired at age 70. Because of compulsory retirement in the past year we were indeed sorry to lose the services of the following persons, who have served the Town conscientiously for many years: Mary G. Logan, Library; George Herter, Building Inspector; Wesley H. Holdridge, School Traffic Officer; and Baltas Skorupski, Highway Department.

The Town has grown to the extent that a new Fire Station is needed in Wilbraham Center. We are currently using a garage loaned by Wilbraham Academy, but the new piece of equipment, together with the old "Reo" must have new and larger quarters. Your Board, with the Fire Commissioners, have had several meetings with an architect to decide on the type of building the Town can afford. All construction bids were rejected once because of excessive costs. This is one example of our endeavor to keep cost at a minimum for all departments for which we are responsible.

JESSE L. RICE, Chairman  
RICHARD L. DANFORTH  
ROGER T. HINTZE



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Wilbraham Post Office

### Assessors' Report

Appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$940,144.27
Appropriations taken from available funds	221,563.00
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Tax and Assessments:	
State Parks and Reservations	\$2,509.85
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,004.39
County Tax	11,880.36
Tuberculosis Hospital assessment	396.08
Overlay of current year	18,110.83
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Gross amount to be raised	\$1,195,608.78

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	\$71,047.53
Corporation Taxes	20,833.82
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land	379.57
Old Age Meal Tax	776.18
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	84,000.00
Licenses	6,300.00
Fines	2,000.00
Special Assessments	5,000.00
General Government	2,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property	100.00
Charities (other than Federal grants)	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal grants)	12,000.00
Veterans' Service	1,000.00

Schools (Funds from Income Tax not to be included)	43,000.00
Public Service Enterprises (Water)	45,000.00
Interest (On Taxes and Assessments \$500.00. Deposit \$2,000.00)	2,500.00
State Assistance for School Construction	64,000.00
Farm Animal Excise	100.00
Overestimates County T. B. Hospital	344.01
Taken from Available Funds	221,907.01
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation on Polls and Property	608,664.67
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	\$1,195,608.78
Number of Polls — 1,980	\$3,960.00
Valuation of Personal Property	\$650,200.00
Tax on Personal Property	35,761.00
Valuation of Real Estate	10,344,430.00
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Tax on Real Estate	\$10,994,630.00
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	568,943.67
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Tax Rate per \$1,000 — \$55.00	\$608,664.67
Tax on Motor Vehicles	\$123,964.82
Abatements on 1958 levy	7,369.73
Number of dwellings assessed — 1,910	

GEORGE ALDEN SAFFORD, *Chairman*  
E. RAY PEASE  
ALLAN R. KINNEY

New Stores in Wilbraham Center

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## **School Committee Report**

### **SUMMARY OF 1958 ACTION**

The record of the Wilbraham Public Schools in 1958 is one of growth and improvement. The expansion of the physical plant, culminating with the opening of the Stony Hill addition in September, provides adequate space in which to maintain an excellent pupil-teacher ratio and to provide a sound learning situation. The long-range planning and conscientious efforts of the several study and building committees and the enthusiastic support of the citizens over the past years are reflected in the enviable Wilbraham school facilities.

One method of appraising the quality of the instructional program in the local school system is to study carefully the academic growth and achievement earned by our pupils in the competitive high school situation. The results of this study indicate a rising level of improvement and strong evidence that the Wilbraham pupils are entering high school well prepared to be successful.

In 1958, for the fourth successive year, the Wilbraham public schools made available a six-weeks summer school program. Originally conceived as an opportunity for pupils to overcome academic difficulties, acquire basic skills not mastered during the school year, and to compensate for instructional time lost through absence and illness, the program has annually been productive. The 1958 summer school prepared 51 pupils for promotion and 91 additional pupils were able to remove an academic deficiency from the records. Throughout the last four years, the program has been observed and studied by school officials in this area. Last year, two area committees introduced a summer school.

The sudden awareness by the public of the importance of public school education and the nation-wide demand for more effective use of teaching facilities and personnel, as evidenced by repeated studies and reports in national publications, have not required major revisions in the program offered in Wilbraham. A directive, received in September from Dr. Owen B. Kiernan, Commissioner of Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, establishing a minimum number of school days and school hours below which state financial assistance would be withheld, had been anticipated and enacted in Wilbraham four years ago. The philosophy of the committee continues to be based on providing an effective educational opportunity for

our pupils. Our reading, science, and mathematics programs have been well established and continue to improve.

Believing that the best results can only be realized by fully coordinating the efforts of parents and teachers, the committee, in September, introduced a systematic program of teacher-parent conferences. Each week at scheduled times, teachers are available to meet with parents on an appointment basis. Such a conference may be requested, either by the parent or the school staff. A limited evaluation of the conference program, based on the four-month period, recommends its continuance.

The need for some pupils to receive individual help has long been a problem of group instruction. In September, on a formal basis, an after-school helping period was established to give special assistance for a pupil, either as requested by the parents or upon the recommendation of the teacher. Again, only a limited evaluation is available because the program has had a four-months trial basis. Present results indicate the program is of value.

The committee is proud of its experienced and trained teaching staff. It firmly believes that the record of the past few difficult years during which time Wilbraham has been able to both attract outstanding beginning teachers and hold experienced staff members, is the result of establishing and maintaining a realistic competitive salary schedule. In a period of rapidly increasing pupil enrollments and an acute shortage of qualified teachers, our salary schedule has provided an improved staff. Coupled with the competitive schedule in making Wilbraham a desirable place of employment, is the in-service training program leading to professional proficiency and advancement, and the availability of supervisors and helping teachers skilled in guiding beginning teachers. The quality and number of candidates applying in Wilbraham reflect the reputation the school system has earned.

The community use of the school facilities again shows an increase. While a large percentage of the after-school hours continues to be utilized by youth activities, adult use of the schools is increasing. The cost of these programs, custodial salaries, heat, light, and maintenance has been partly paid by appropriated funds. In an effort to more equitably assess these affairs that are of a fund-raising nature, the committee has revised the regulations and rental schedule. Youth and educational programs

will continue to be subsidized.

Early in June, the auditorium of the Stony Hill School was dedicated with appropriate exercises as the H. Willis Cutler Auditorium in memory of Mr. H. Willis Cutler, Chairman of the Wilbraham School Committee from 1920 to 1948. Taking part in the dedication exercises were Mr. Dorrance T. Green, Committee Chairman; Mr. Jesse Rice, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Mr. J. Loring Brooks, former Selectman; Mrs. Arthur Preston, former School Committee member; and Mr. Frederick A. Wheeler, former Superintendent of Schools for Wilbraham. Mrs. H. Willis Cutler unveiled the memorial plaque and presented an American flag for use in the auditorium.

The School Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the citizens and official committees of Wilbraham for the assistance and support received this year. The continued conscientious work and educational efforts of the school staff are commendable and are reflected in the pride this committee feels towards the school program.

### **BUDGET ESTIMATE, 1959**

#### General Expenses:

Expense of School Committee	\$175.00
Superintendent's Salary	8,700.00
Expense of Superintendence (to include out-of-state travel)	8,656.00

#### Expense of Instruction:

Supervisors' Salaries	21,834.00
Principals' Salaries	12,275.00
Expense of Principalship	5,583.00
Teachers' Salaries	246,939.00
Textbooks	5,890.00
Supplies	10,286.00

#### Expense of Operation:

Custodians' Salaries	24,792.00
Fuel	11,260.00
Miscellaneous	13,286.00

#### Maintenance:

Repairs and Replacements	4,195.00
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#### Auxiliary Agencies:

Health	5,224.00
Transportation	58,642.00
Tuition	90,130.00
Miscellaneous Auxiliary	4,500.00

#### Outlay:

New Equipment	500.00
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\$532,867.00

10,000.00

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\$522,867.00

Less Public Law 874 money

## 1959 CREDIT ESTIMATES ON ACCOUNT OF EDUCATION

Chapter 71, Section 7A, Transportation	\$41,000.00
Chapter 70, Section 3	64,000.00
Vocational	4,000.00
Vocational Balance, 1958	301.72
State Wards	1,500.00
Special Class	3,000.00
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Chapter 70, Section 3B Regional	9,627.00
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	\$123,428.72

MR. DORRANCE T. GREEN, *Chairman*  
MR. ALEXANDER W. MARCO

MRS. ETHEL F. MUSSelman  
MR. MARSHALL E. ROPER  
MRS. MARGARET L. WILLIAMS

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

(By vote of the Wilbraham School Committee, the report of the Superintendent of Schools has been adopted as part of the Annual Committee report)

*To the School Committee of the Town of Wilbraham:*

As Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Wilbraham I submit my seventh annual report. The charts and tables at the end of this report constitute a summary of this year's growth and progress.

Advances in education are the result of evolutionary rather than revolutionary processes. As parents desire broader educational opportunities for their children and as society constantly requires a higher level of achievement and proficiency from its citizenry, the public schools of this country will continue to reflect the changing aspirations and needs of the students and the nation. The period during which a first-grade pupil advances through the elementary, secondary, and perhaps college years, into the arena of adult living and gainful employment, and begins sending his children to school, constitutes the time required to accurately weigh and judge the success of an educational program.

No single scientific accomplishment, even the awe-inspiring launching of a man-made satellite, can obscure the magnificent achievement of the American public schools over the last forty years when our youth were preparing for a changing world. Twice within this period, our citizenry has totally mobilized the industrial, scientific, and productive resources of the free world and has provided the moral and physical leadership to end the conflict in victory.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1958

### NET COST OF SCHOOLS TO THE TOWN FOR 1958

Total, Net Expenditures	\$517,664.47
Credits:	
From the Commonwealth	
Chapter 71, 7A, Transportation	\$42,839.04
Chapter 643	73,809.22
Vocational	4,929.94
Tuition and Transportation, State Wards	1,610.56
Special Class	3,041.92
From Other Sources	
Tuition Refunds	541.63
Reimbursement for Industrial Arts	185.90
materials, public telephone, commissions, miscellaneous books, et cetera	
Total Credits	126,958.21
Net Cost of Schools from Local Taxation	\$390,706.26

### FEDERAL FUNDS, PUBLIC LAW 874

Available:	Expenditures:
Carried forward	
from 1957	Outlay
Received, 1958	\$938.25
	Carry forward 1959
	13,130.75
	\$14,069.00
	\$14,069.00

### COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Available:	Expenditures:
Appropriation, 1958	\$5,280.00
	Salaries and Supplies
	To Revenue
	2.35
\$5,280.00	\$5,280.00

Deposited to General Fund, 1958      \$1,531.00

### EDUCATION

Available:	Expenditures:
Appropriation	\$518,149.00
	General Expense
	Exp. of Instruction
	Expense of Operation
	Maintenance
	Auxiliary Agencies
	Outlay
	\$517,664.47
	To Revenue
	484.53
\$518,149.00	\$518,149.00



Faced with the world-wide depression of the thirties, citizens of some nations surrendered both personal and political freedom rather than contend with an uncertain future. Surely, the willingness displayed by the American people to work long, hard hours in the face of every adversity, to accept defeat and laborious toil as the price of a better opportunity for their children, and to thoughtfully and critically examine each new philosophy, seeking out both the promise of improvements and the price of attainment, are the products of an educational system that charges each individual with the duty and responsibility of deciding wisely, not only his fate, but that of society. The very framework of the Constitution contains the foundation of the American success formula — freedom of opportunity for all, regardless of race, color, or creed. The opportunity to try, fail, and to try again is guaranteed to all our youth and all our citizens. Not equality in physical possessions, financial, intellectual, or social position, but equality of opportunity to grasp and to hold the symbols of achievement is guaranteed. Within the laws of our society, no goal is unobtainable, no dream too visionary, for those who are willing to sacrifice and meet the harsh terms of success.

Our schools are founded on the principle of equal educational opportunity for all our youth. Each is guaranteed the opportunity to search and discover his own area of successful achievement. Two factors continue to keep the education program and process fluid and changing: *one*, the evaluation by students and faculty in revising objectives and methods, and, *two*, society's appraisal in meeting the requirements of a changing world.

Russia's success, the first man-made satellite in orbit, was achieved by channeling all creative and productive efforts into one project. All political and personal freedoms, all efforts to improve the standard of living and to re-establish the importance of the individual, all hopes for a better world tomorrow and a brotherhood of nations at peace, were sacrificed for this mammoth project. There are those among us, beneficiaries of the American way of life, successful today because they were granted the opportunity to make their own decisions and seek their own goals, who would disregard the record of the last forty years and convert our educational system into a facsimile of Russia's.

Unless we continue to develop an informed citizenry with a knowledge of the civilizations of the past and the successes and

failures of leaders who destroyed their own creations in a lust for power, individuals who can think and decide for themselves, a society that is willing to meet its responsibilities not only for the present but for future generations, no major concentrations in any single area of learning by all the available intellectual manpower inherent in generations to come, can produce citizens equipped to govern themselves. Any nation, formulating a system of education that attempts to control the dreams and aspirations of men, that denies the opportunity to try, fail, and try again to all citizens, is as doomed to failure as the destroyed empires of the past.

The American school system must continue to develop within each individual the ability to make wise decisions and to follow intelligently a course toward self achievement. The value of each goal attained must be measured in the effort expended and the sacrifice made. The stern assignment facing the schools of today is not to out-produce Russia, but rather to make certain that the next generation is as well prepared, courageously effective, decisive in thought and action, and unselfish in sacrifice, as the school graduates of the past forty years.

Any appraisal of the soundness and the accomplishments of the American educational system emphasizes the importance and need for continued evaluation and improvement. Our excellent facilities and competent teachers can always be utilized more efficiently. Too often, the inherent potential has not been developed. In our search for improved educational development, as evidenced by the tremendous annual investment in public education, we need to remember that the successes of the free world have always been based on the ability of the majority of our people to reason resourcefully and to create opportunities through their own efforts. Neither an emergency program, spending millions to produce uncultured specialists at the expense of all other areas, nor a complacency with the methods and achievements of the past, can produce the citizens this country must have. Only as the present educational plan and process is refined and strengthened by the critical evaluation and support of all the citizens, only as educational goals are reviewed and redefined in the light of changing world responsibility, and only as the youth in each generation rediscovers the rewarding promise of freedom of opportunity, can we be certain that our educational efforts are successful.

IRVING H. AGARD

## PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office:	Name	Position	Year Appointed	Education and Professional Training
Irving H. Agard		Superintendent	1950	B.A., M.Ed., Lafayette, Fitchburg State Teachers College
Christine Clark		Executive Secretary	1950	B.S., Bay Path, A. I. C.
Joann L. LedDuke		Secretary	1957	Ac.S., B.S., Bay Path, A. I. C.
The Pines School:				
Robert D. Bungle		Principal, Grade 6	1953	B.S., Tufts; M.Ed., Springfield College
Helen S. Strauss		Grade 5	1930	B.S., M.S., Columbia, Springfield College
Thelma G. Melvin		Grade 4	1958	B.S., M.Ed., Springfield College
Therese M. Dowd		Grade 3	1957	A.B., Our Lady of the Elms College
Carol A. Bedore		Grade 2	1958	B.S., Westfield State Teachers College
Mary E. Johnston		Grade 1	1950	Westfield State Teachers College
Michael Pyzocha		Custodian	1954	
Stony Hill School:				
Richard J. Curry		Principal	1954	B.A., M.A., A. I. C.
Marion H. Castaldini		Secretary, Pines and Stony Hill	1956	
Muriel G. Monaghan		Grade 6	1958	B.S., Westfield State Teachers College
Gordon Bates		Grade 6	1958	B.S., Springfield College
Thomas W. Lennon		Grade 6	1958	B.S., A. I. C.
Henry Ochrymowicz		Grade 5	1958	B.A., A. I. C.
Gina I. Frangie		Grade 5	1954	B.A., M.Ed., A. I. C., Springfield College
Mary E. Moody		Grade 5	1955	Fitchburg State Teachers College
Doris A. Schmidt		Grade 4	1957	B.S., Westfield State Teachers College
Alice F. Foley		Grade 4	1955	Westfield State Teachers College
Helene Janeczek Calabro		Grade 4	1958	B.S., A. I. C.
Margaret T. Sabin		Grade 3	1958	B.A., Bates College
Rosina M. Kramer		Grade 3	1958	B.A., A. I. C.
Joyce S. Bowser		Grade 3	1958	B.A., Providence-Burrington Bible College

## PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Continued)

Name	Position	Year Appointed	Education and Professional Training
Charlotte E. Prochnow	Grade 2	1957	B.S., Bridgewater State Teachers College
Cynthia Adams	Grade 2	1957	B.S., Springfield College
Frances A. Ward	Grade 2	1954	B.S., Worcester State Teachers College
Joanne S. Ewig	Grade 1	1955	B.S., Skidmore College
Ruth Lesser	Grade 1	1958	B.A., A. I. C.
Madeline Harrington	Grade 1	1952	B.S., M.S., University of Massachusetts
Stella C. Mondoux	Grade 1	1958	B.S., Westfield State Teachers College
Henry Hyde	Custodian	1954	
Thomas W. Farnham	Custodian	1958	
Memorial School:			
Lincoln A. Dexter	Principal	1954	B.S., M.Ed., Rhode Island State, Worcester State Teachers College
Florence M. LeVan	Secretary	1956	B.S., A. I. C.
Doris H. Alleman	Junior High	1956	B.A., M.A., A. I. C.
A. Louise Bradley	Junior High	1952	B.S., Springfield College
Ronald J. Clark	Junior High	1958	B.S., Fitchburg State Teachers College
Charles T. Coolong	Special Class	1958	B.A., M.A., University of N. Carolina,
Olindo Dragone	Junior High, Guidance	1956	Middlebury, University of Naples
Robert P. Garvey	Junior High	1955	B.A., St. Anselm's
Robert Kime	Junior High	1956	B.S., State Teachers of Boston
James R. Rafferty	Junior High	1957	B.B.A., University of Massachusetts
Julia F. Rosenbeck	Junior High	1954	Framingham State Teachers College
Alan J. Rubin	Junior High	1955	B.A., M.A., A. I. C.
Joan C. Ruggles	Junior High	1956	B.S., Springfield College
Richard P. Spencer	Junior High	1953	B.A., University of Massachusetts
Richard S. Ullery	Junior High	1958	B.A., A. I. C.
Irene Walinski	Junior High	1957	A.B., Our Lady of the Elms College
Helen Walinski	Junior High	1953	B.A., Our Lady of the Elms College, M.E., Springfield College

Joseph Zych	Junior High	B.S., Springfield College
Marjorie Befford	Special Class	Fitchburg State Teachers College
Carolyn Paultides	Grade 6	A.B., Skidmore College
Amelia Riley	Grade 6	B.Sc., Worcester State Teachers College
William Kozlowski	Grade 5	B.S., Westfield State Teachers College
Frank Marshall	Grade 4	B.S., Springfield College
Barbara Hanson	Grade 3	B.S., Westfield State Teachers College
Marion L. Holland	Grade 2	Springfield Teachers
Clara B. Merrill	Grade 1	Farmington State
John Polaczak	Custodian	Springfield Teachers
George Morrison	Custodian	1944
Everett Pickens	Custodian	1949
		1953
		1957
Supervisors:		
Helen B. Tower	Art	1921
Dwight D. Kilam	Music	1955
Ruth G. Backus	Elementary Supervisor	1953
Millicent G. Green	Handwriting	1938
Special Subject Teachers:		
Marguerite Brady	Librarian	1942
Esther Johnson	Music	1949
Marion H. McKinstry	Art	1956
Health:		
Janet M. Horacek	Nurse	1954
Arthur H. Goodwin	Doctor	1947
Irving P. Dinneen	Dentist	1929
Hot Lunch Program:		
May Jenkins	Manager	
Memorial:		1950
Emma F. Chamberlin	Cook	1956
Muriel E. Jones	Cook	1957

## PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Continued)

Name	Position	Year Appointed	Education and Professional Training
Mary E. Marco	Cook	1957	
Eva Cloutier	Cook	1958	
Stony Hill:			
Mildred Cotter	Cook	1950	
Ella Lindsay	Cook	1957	
Isabelle Rollins	Cook	1953	
Eva Sideleau	Cook	1956	
Pines:			
Julia Dougal	Cook	1952	
Honorata Opalinski	Cook	1953	
Transportation:			
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Samble		1930	
Mr. George W. Motyka		1932	

Changes in school personnel not shown in the preceding chart are:

- Mrs. Annamae B. Martin, teacher, (leave of absence, May 3, 1958 - September, 1959)
- Mrs. Therese Bailey, teacher, (leave of absence, as of September 1, 1958)
- Mrs. Janet S. Wagner, teacher, (leave of absence, as of September 1, 1958)
- Mrs. Jane McMahon, teacher, resigned, June 30, 1958.
- Mrs. Winifred Bennett, cook, deceased, September 23, 1958.
- Mrs. Marilyn Stone Hufstader, teacher, resigned, June 30, 1958.
- Mrs. Eugenia F. Fowler, teacher, resigned June 30, 1958.
- Mrs. Dorcas E. Weiner, teacher, (leave of absence, March, 1957) resigned June 30, 1958.
- Mrs. Elizabeth A. Phillips, teacher, (leave of absence, March, 1957) resigned September 1, 1958.
- Mr. Donald H. Long, teacher, resigned June 30, 1958.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 1958-1959

First Term: Wednesday, September 3 through Tuesday, December 23.

Second Term: Monday, January 5 through Friday, February 20.

Third Term: Monday, March 2 through Friday, April 24.

Fourth Term: Monday, May 4 through Friday, June 19.

School will close on all legal holidays; Friday, October 24, Hampden County Teachers' Convention; and Friday, March 27, Good Friday. Schools will close at noon on November 26 for Thanksgiving.

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The Wilbraham School Committee schedules regular meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. However, the School Committee will be pleased to meet with anyone by appointment.

## SCHOOL STATISTICS

### Enrollment

The enrollment of pupils by grade as of October 1, 1958 is shown below.

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Spec.	Total
Pines	20	31	22	25	24	26					149
Stony Hill	100	85	78	80	82	78					503
Memorial	26	19	22	22	27	49	113	104	92	19	493

### Census Report and Comparison

Year Born	Year to Enter School	Census 1958	Census 1957	Census 1956	Census 1955	Census 1954
1952	1958	146*	151	133	114	104
1953	1959	168	152	150	134	137
1954	1960	171	155	149	139	91†
1955	1961	144	128	104	63†	
1956	1962	156	134	92†		
1957	1963	137	90†			
1958	1964	89†				

† 9/12 of year recorded.

\* The balance has been accounted for in private schools or moved from town.

### Children in School Census and Their Distribution October 1, 1958

	5-7 Years	7-16 Years	Total
Boys	176	680	856
Girls	121	562	683
	297	1242	1539
Distribution			
In public schools	158	1046	1204
In vocational schools	—	20	20
In private schools	16	172	188
Not enrolled in any school	123	4	127
	297	1242	1539
Total on October 1, 1957	290	1157	1447

**Number of Pupils in Elementary Schools by Grades  
Five Year Period 1953-1958**

As of October of Each Year

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Spec.	Total
1953	136	128	95	87	88	78	66	63	38		779
1954	134	131	130	101	87	97	83	70	69		902
1955	131	135	145	116	103	93	100	86	78		987
1956	122	131	129	148	116	102	94	90	80	17	1029
1957	132	122	126	130	148	112	105	91	100	13	1079
1958	148	136	126	126	133	147	122	104	92	19	1153

**Number of Pupils in the Several High Schools  
and Trade Schools**

Five Year Period 1953-1958

Year	Classical High School	High School of Commerce	Technical High School	Ludlow High School	Palmer High School	West Springfield	Trade High School	Total
1953	12	15	42	1	8	2	21	101
1954	17	21	41	—	10	2	20	111
1955	21	22	58	—	19	—	24	144
1956	31	33	79	—	13	—	26	182
1957	50	34	94	—	6	—	32	216
1958	73	43	100	1	1	—	30	248

**SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**

The school lunch program operates with two preparation kitchens, one at Memorial School and the other at Stony Hill School. In addition, meals are served at The Pines School by transporting the food in thermos containers from Stony Hill School.

	1956	1957	1958
Class A, Hot Lunches			
full meal, milk, dessert	98,575*	113,431	108,337
Additional servings of milk	124,650	129,579	134,708
Claims received, U.S.D.A.	\$12,823.21*	\$15,972.57	\$13,091.99
Cash received for lunches	23,813.72	28,512.43	30,509.59
Salaries to Lunchroom Personnel	9,525.00	12,266.00	13,257.20
Payments for Food and Supplies	29,075.52	29,833.89	32,475.03

\* No lunches were served at the Stony Hill and The Pines Schools during September and October, 1956 because of the double session program.

**HEALTH**

The following is a summary of the report submitted by the school nurse:

December 1, 1957 to December 1, 1958

Physical Examinations	301
Parents Present	12
Notices Sent for Physical Defects Noted	13
Physicals for Athletes	37
Physicals for Work Papers	13

Dental Examinations	1230
Dental Notices Sent	420
Dental Repair	35
Height and Weight	964
Vaccination Scars Checked	156
Pre-School Vaccinations	18
Hearing Tests	1449
Hearing Notices Sent	29
Massachusetts Vision Tests	756
Notices Sent for Visual Defects	56
Examined by an Eye Specialist	44
Fitted with Glasses	41
Head Examinations	1708
Notices Sent	5
Children Sent to Camp Frederick Edwards	4
Home Calls and Children Taken Home	153
Contagious Diseases	74

Film strips were shown as requested by principals.

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## In Memoriam

MRS. WINIFRED BENNETT

Mrs. Winifred Bennett was first appointed a member of the School Lunch staff in 1953. In 1956, with the growth of the program and the opening of the Stony Hill cafeteria, Mrs. Bennett was promoted to Head Cook at the Memorial School. Her cheerful, calm efficiency assured a pleasant noon recess for the pupils and teachers. Throughout the period Mrs. Bennett worked at the Memorial School, her careful attention to the details of the kitchen, and her continuous loyal support and cooperation with the school administration was greatly appreciated. She is greatly missed by the staff and pupils.

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## Report of the School Committee for the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District

To the Citizens of Hampden and Wilbraham:

Your Regional District School Committee is pleased to report continued progress in the construction of the high school and the development of a sound educational program for the youth of our communities.

On December 20, 1957, the committee voted to exercise the option for the purchase of the Herman C. Heiden property. At the same meeting, the committee voted to award the contract for construction of the building to E. J. Pinney Company, low bidder. At the January 14, 1958 meeting, the committee voted to accept the most favorable bid for the sale of \$2,000,000 in bonds at the price of 100.1199 and accrued interest for 3.10

per cent bonds. In March, the committee employed Harry F. King as clerk of works for construction of the school. This appointment was made following interviews with eleven candidates.

At the March 20th organizational meeting, Mrs. Eloise Wallace replaced Mr. Theodore Holmes as Hampden's School Committee appointed member of the Regional School Committee. Mr. Holmes served on the Regional Committee while both preliminary and final plans for the school building were prepared. His wide experience and professional training were of great service to the committee. Mrs. Ethel Musselman was reappointed by the Wilbraham School Committee to serve on the Regional Committee.

The District Committee organized for the year with Mr. Marshall E. Roper, Chairman; Mrs. Grace L. Kibbe, Treasurer; and Mr. Irving H. Agard, Secretary.

At the March 29th meeting, following four months of concentrated interviews and a study of 51 candidates for the position, the committee unanimously elected Mr. Arthur W. Reynolds as Principal of the Regional High School. Mr. Reynolds came to the committee highly recommended and possesses a splendid background of training and experience in secondary school work. He was employed August 1, 1958 to provide sufficient time to interview staff members, develop the educational program, and insure a well organized school in September, 1959. At the May meeting, the committee elected Mr. Charles B. Thompson as Guidance Director for the high school. Mr. Thompson is highly trained and experienced in this specialized work and, with Mr. Reynolds, is interviewing all pupils and developing a program designed to meet the pupils' individual requirements.

At the July meeting, following four months of careful study, the committee unanimously voted to name the new building the Minnechaug Regional High School. This name was one of 651 entries submitted by pupils from the schools of both towns. The winning name was submitted by Donn R. Bryans, Barbara G. Burger, Douglas Webb, and Judith A. Cmero of Hampden, Pamela Trombley and Jean L. Soderberg of Wilbraham. Jean L. Soderberg submitted the winning essay.

In August, through the cooperation of the Wilbraham School Committee, temporary office facilities were provided in the

Stony Hill School for the High School Principal and Guidance Director. With the promotion of Miss Margaret Woods from clerk-typist in the Regional Committee office to Principal's Secretary, Mrs. Anna Tupper was appointed clerk-typist.

At the September meeting, the committee adopted a salary schedule designed to attract and retain well qualified, experienced teachers. This schedule has proved to be successful and has resulted in a satisfactory number of excellent candidates. After careful interviewing, eleven teaching appointments were made at the December meeting.

On October 18th, formal cornerstone exercises were held at the Minnechaug Regional High School. Representatives of both communities were introduced. Following the reading of the winning essay, all six winners in the naming contest were presented. Mr. Arthur W. Reynolds gave the major address and explained the importance of good educational facilities for a community. An inspection of the partially completed building followed.

In November, following the resignation of Mrs. Margaret Woods Gaines, Miss Virginia White was appointed as Principal's Secretary.

Since early in September, the Financial Subcommittee and the full committee have worked continuously on the 1959 Budget Estimate. Our budget, printed at the beginning of this report, is, in the carefully considered opinion of the committee, a practical and honest estimate of the funds necessary to successfully staff, equip, and operate this new high school. Certain expenses are unavoidable in establishing any new program and the committee has planned carefully to provide instructional opportunities equal to those now offered on a tuition basis. This year, the largest single payment of principal and interest must be met while the 12th-grade pupils of both communities continue on a tuition basis. Next year, the more efficient use of teaching personnel, a four-year program, and a full school year of operation, will be reflected in the per pupil costs.

Throughout the spring and summer, construction of the school building has progressed at a reasonable rate. The soil conditions at the site permitted excavation without difficulty and no extra costs were required. The erecting of steel, exterior masonry work, and roofing of the structure were completed on schedule. Due to problems arising from poor weather conditions, the seed-

ing of the athletic fields was not completed this year. The committee had hoped to establish a vigorous sod before the school opened. Due partly to a nation-wide glass strike, the building has not been permanently closed in. Temporary measures are being used to heat and protect the building so the work can continue. Both the architect and the contractor have assured the committee that the building will be completed by the date specified.

The problem presented by claims of certain rights of way across the school property is being handled by Mr. Frank Auchter, Attorney for the Regional School District.

The committee wishes to thank the citizens of the communities and the several boards and committees for their continued support and cooperation. The assistance and understanding so necessary for the completion of this building has enabled the committee to maintain the time schedule established in the original planning stages. The personal sacrifice and creative planning, the expenditure of time and effort, and the financial investment so unanimously voted, will result in a school program that will educate our youth and reflect credit upon the communities.

MARSHALL E. ROPER, *Chairman*  
ERNEST W. FURNANS, JR.  
HOWARD H. MACMULLEN

ETHEL F. MUSSelman  
FRANCIS E. REESE  
ELOISE M. WALLACE  
MARGARET F. WIGGENHAUSER

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1958

#### Planning and Construction Budget

##### Receipts, Bond Issue, and

Reimbursement of Planning Costs	\$2,104,306.01
Expenditures	869,708.40

Balance	\$1,234,597.61
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#### Administrative Budget

##### Receipts

Carryover, 1957	\$10,138.69
Special Charges	2,035.44
Appropriations	21,044.00
Interest, Premium	19,145.23

Expenditures	23,841.15
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Balance	\$28,522.21
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## Debt Service Budget

Receipts, Construction Grant	\$67,271.91
Expenditures	40,900.00
Balance	\$26,371.91
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1958	\$1,289,491.73

## BUDGET ESTIMATE, 1959

No.	Account	Amount	Total
1.	General Control	\$11,320.00	
2.	Expense of Instruction	106,036.00	
3.	Operation of Plant	20,848.00	
4.	Maintenance of Plant	1,100.00	
5.	Auxiliary Agencies	19,406.00	
6.	Outlay	0.00	
7.	Debt Service	170,116.00	
8.	Special Charges	10,992.00	
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Total			\$339,818.00
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Operating Budget		\$169,702.00	
Less 1958 Carryover		40,000.00	
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Balance to assess towns			\$129,702.00
Debt Service Budget		\$170,116.00	
Less 1959 Constr. Grant		67,000.00	
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Balance to assess towns			\$103,116.00

## COST TO HAMPTON AND WILBRAHAM

	Operating Budget		Debt Budget	
Hampden	23.42	\$30,376.20	22.5	\$23,201.10
Wilbraham	76.58	\$99,325.80	77.5	\$79,914.90

Assessments payable in 4 equal installments not later than the first day of April, June, September, and December.

## **Stony Hill School Building Committee**

The Stony Hill School Building Committee is pleased to make its final report.

Cost of Building	\$321,650.00
Architect's Fees	21,083.80
Equipment	25,500.03
Site Development	5,490.20
Insurance	668.20
Advertising	141.04
Telephone	22.83
Total	\$374,556.10
Original Appropriation	455,000.00
Unexpended Balance	\$80,443.90

In these days of rising costs, it is seldom possible to return to the Town such a large part of the original estimate without having sacrificed something in the quality of the construction.

On May 12, 1958, the contractor, Mr. F. W. Madigan, was given a certificate of substantial completion of the school. On May 18, the final financial auditing was made by the Town Treasurer, and on December 3, 1958, the Stony Hill School Addition was formally accepted by the School Committee. With the original building this has given us a large general purpose room and twenty more classrooms, nineteen of which are now being used.

In the building of this new school, Town officials have been very helpful, but our chief indebtedness, and it is very great, is to our Superintendent of Schools and his staff. We hope that our fellow townsmen will take notice of this expression of our gratitude to Mr. Agard.

ALBERT H. HOWES, *Chairman*  
WESLEY H. HOLDRIDGE

HARRY R. JEFFREY  
LEO E. KUEHN  
DORRANCE T. GREEN

## **Water Commissioners' Report**

1958 was again a year of growth and increased activity in the operation of your Water Department.

During 1958 a total of 53 new service installations and four service renewals were completed. At the end of 1958 a total of 1303 services were in use. A total of 95,632,000 gallons of

water was used in 1958 and represented an increase in consumption over 1957 of 2,571,000 gallons.

The installation of the new 12" meter in the Meter Pit in Ludlow has produced a steadier pressure throughout the Town. The Metropolitan District Commission paid one-half the cost of this meter.

The following pipe installations were completed during the year:

1,020 feet —	6"	pipe — installed by the Town
420 feet —	6"	pipe — installed by developers
260 feet —	8"	pipe — installed by the Town
3,197 feet —	8"	pipe — installed by developers
720 feet —	12"	pipe — installed by the Town
11,700 feet —	16"	pipe — installed by the Town

Proof of the dramatic growth in service facilities is illustrated in the fact that the net worth of your Water Department on an installed price basis is now in excess of \$1,150,000.

The 16" main installation on Boston Road should eliminate for the future the restriction in water use during drought periods.

The Water Commissioners wish to thank those Town Officials who, through their cooperation and aid, have made possible the growth and development of your Water Department.

WALTER L. WOODS

JOHN F. BALDWIN

ROBERT W. MAYNARD

### **Wilbraham Public Library**

Last year the trustees of the Wilbraham Public Library, in their report to the town, pointed out the urgent need of expanded facilities if the library was to continue to adequately serve the community in its function as a cultural center. Today that need is becoming ever more apparent, and will become increasingly acute in the year ahead when the new regional high school opens. Although the high school will have a library of its own, students will often need to use a public library for further reference material. Previously, our high school pupils going to the Springfield schools have used the Springfield City Library as well as our own. Now that they will be in school in Wilbraham, they should be able to meet their needs in Wilbraham.

However, until such time as the most pressing needs of the town, occasioned by its rapid physical expansion, are met, and the town is able to erect an adequate building, the trustees and the library staff will continue to exert every effort to make the

present facilities as efficient, attractive, and serviceable as possible.

National Library Week was observed in March by conducting a Book Fair. It was promoted under the able leadership of Mrs. Charles I. Bowman. The Trustees wish to thank her for her very successful effort.

On November 6, the first meeting of the newly formed "Friends of the Library" organization was held under the joint chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Plumb. This organization, sponsored by the library, seeks to support and advance the welfare of the library as it endeavors to broaden its service to the town.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Barber of Stony Hill Road for their generous gift to the library.

Mrs. A. J. Brooks retired from the library staff in December. We shall miss her gracious manner and efficient service.

Again we commend Miss Abbott, Mrs. Rudge, and their staff for their patience and cooperation as they try to serve a greatly increased number of library users under difficult circumstances as reflected by the greatly increased circulation shown by the Librarian's Report. One user of the library says, "The consistently kind and helpful attention of the staff continues to be very much appreciated by our whole family."

MARGUERITE G. BRADY      BARBARA B. DICKEY      STANLEY O. SMITH

#### **WILBRAHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS**

Number of volumes in library, January 1, 1958	12,500
Number of volumes added by purchase	1,000
Number of volumes added by gift	42
Number of volumes discarded and lost	677
Number of volumes in library January 1, 1959	12,865
Number of borrowers (in 646 families)	1,659
Circulation	
From library	26,616
Adult	11,377
Juvenile	12,232
Periodicals	3,007
Borrowed on inter-library loan	5
From Pines School	1,757
From Stony Hill School	1,151
From Springfield Street School	95

Total circulation	29,624
Gain in circulation over 1957	8,703

RUTH T. ABBOTT, Librarian

### Planning Board

The Wilbraham Planning Board held twelve regular monthly meetings and four special meetings during the year 1958.

Seven public hearings were held, five relative to subdivisions. All proposed subdivisions were approved with the exception of one which did not meet established requirements. A public hearing was held on a petition to increase the depth of the business property from 100 feet to a minimum of not less than 200 feet on the southerly side of Boston Road from Stony Hill Road easterly to the Boston & Albany Railroad overpass. A public hearing was held on a petition to change the zoning of property on the corner of Maple and Main Streets.

Members of the Board with the Board of Selectmen viewed several streets as required prior to their being considered for acceptance by the town. Members of the Planning Board have met on several occasions with other town boards to consider ways and means to overcome obstacles confronting prospective business interests coming into Wilbraham.

Experience has indicated that a change should be made in the prescribed construction of roads and there is at the present time a study being made of proposed changes.

The Planning Board would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to George Herter who has retired as Building Inspector for the conscientious and untiring effort which he gave in the discharge of his duties.

ROBERT A. EDWARDS, *Chairman*  
LEO E. KUEHN  
RICHARD MORGAN

WILLIAM SHORTELL  
BION T. WHEELER, JR.

### Fire Department

Telephone number LY 6-3111, our emergency phone for incoming calls, is to be used only for reporting fires and emergencies. For all other business pertaining to Fire Department, please dial LY 6-3014 or LY 6-3122. This is very important.

#### Fire Loss:

Buildings (26)	\$3,508.00
Contents	850.00
Assessed Valuations	72,215.00

Department responded to 184 alarms: 26 buildings, 3 chimneys, 19 dumps, 7 automobiles, 57 grass and brush, 69 emergencies and 3 mutual aid out of town.

It is gratifying to report our schools and also Wilbraham Academy were found in good condition on our inspections.

For their cooperation and assistance, I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Fire Dispatchers, the Call Men, the Auxiliary, to the members of the Board of Selectmen, Fire Commissioners, our Emergency Doctor, John P. Sigsbee, the State Police, our Town Police and others who may have helped during the past year.

RALPH E. TUPPER, SR., *Fire Chief*

### **Forest Warden**

3998 permits were issued for open air fires. Under State Law a permit is required for all open air fires. At numerous times of the year no burning in the open is allowed. For said permit dial LY 6-3014 or LY 6-3122. Our emergency phone, LY 6-3111, is not to be used. The only incinerator that can be used in the open without a permit must be one that releases no sparks or flame. Wire basket type is not allowed in Wilbraham. If in doubt when purchasing an incinerator, call the Fire Chief for information.

Deputy Forest Wardens: Harold Brown, Robert Dietz, Gardner Files, John Chrzanowski, Charles Dorey, Raymond Beach, Jr., Norman Farnsworth, Harland Rogers, William Pollitt, Bernard Tupper, John Sigsbee and Cyril Woods.

RALPH E. TUPPER, SR., *Forest Warden*

### **Playground Commissioners' Report**

Two playgrounds, located at the Memorial and Pines Schools respectively, were operated simultaneously from July 7th to August 15th. Mr. Alan Rubin, Miss Helen Walinski and Mr. Richard Spencer conducted activities at Memorial while Mr. Philip Grandchamp and Miss Bonnie Agard supervised at Pines.

An average of 100 youngsters a day at Memorial and 75 at

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*See pictures on opposite page:*

New Fire Engine purchased to replace the old "Reo" currently garaged in Wilbraham Center.

Town Fire Equipment currently garaged at North Wilbraham.

The "Famed" Tanker built by our local volunteers.

Photos by Bogue



Pines participated in a varied program of activities which included competitive sports such as softball, volleyball, kickball, tetherball, wiffleball, and badminton; recreational games such as bean-bag tossing, croquet, scoopball, box hockey, horseshoe pitching, and archery; quiet games such as checkers, jackstones, "Sorry," etc.; and a variety of handicrafts such as plastic braiding, clay molding, and plaster craft.

Special programs were conducted each week. Peanut hunts, crazy hat contests, costume contests, talent shows, bingo games, and junior olympics were held at both playgrounds. In the final week, a picnic combining the participants of both playgrounds was held at Memorial and enjoyed by some 300 children.

Two buses made the rounds and transported children to and from both playgrounds. The bus route was extended on the Stony Hill Road route to Soule Road.

Mr. Richard Spencer was hired as caretaker of the playing fields and succeeded in grooming the baseball and softball diamonds into excellent condition. This kind of care is becoming more essential each year since several baseball leagues are keeping the fields in constant use.

The Pines School playground surface was bulldozed and graded and then covered with about 300 yards of loam. The soil was then fertilized and grass seeded. The hoped-for lawn in the spring should make a very pleasant improvement in this play area.

A much needed drinking fountain was installed at the Grassy Hollow field and was appreciated by many thirsty athletes.

Some brush clearing work was done at the Memorial field and future plans call for grading and landscaping work in the area surrounding the baseball diamond.

The Playground Commissioners wish to commend, once again, the sincere interest of the playground staff in providing appropriate recreational and educational activities for the Town's children. They wish to extend the Town's sincere appreciation to Mr. Edward Lindsay for contributing his time and efforts in conditioning the Pines School playground surface. They are appreciative also to the Highway and Water Departments of this Town for services rendered.

VICTOR S. KODIS, *Chairman*

ROBERT J. DRISCOLL

GORDON C. MACKAY

## Police Report

I take pleasure in submitting herewith the annual report of the Wilbraham Police for the year ending December 31, 1958.

### ORGANIZATION

The regular force at present consists of a Captain, four Patrolmen and one Reserve Officer.

In addition to the regular force the Department has an Auxiliary Police force of twenty-eight members organized under Civilian Defense for emergency duty.

Roster of the Regular Department: *Captain*, Robert C. Dietz; *Patrolmen*, Gardner Files, William Pollitt, John Chrzanowski, Steve Lopata; *School Traffic Officers*, Mrs. Marjorie Goewey, Mrs. Helen Los, Mrs. Dorothy Majka, Mrs. Mary Strycharz; *Special Police*, Norman Farnsworth, Alton McDonald, Everett Kerr.

The Wilbraham Police Department has completed another year of increased community and police service for the citizens of the Town.

Demands for police services are constantly increasing and with the increasing number of motor vehicles, many traffic problems are created, especially in the more populated sections of the Town.

The chief duties of the Police Department are the preservation of public order and tranquillity including crime prevention and detection, and the promotion of public health, safety and morals. Our main objective is to keep the Town of Wilbraham free of

Our Highway and Police vehicles showing the new Highway Department Garage.

Photo by Bogue



all crime and disorder rather than counting the number of arrests and convictions for offenses within, for credit.

Patrolman Ernest Bacon retired March 1, 1958 after many years of efficient, able and friendly police duty to the Town.

John Chrzanowski was appointed a patrolman on March 1, 1958. He was assigned safety officer for the department. He has attended regular monthly meetings of the Western Massachusetts Safety Council and has carried on an active program in the schools, giving talks and showing motion picture films.

An outdoor pistol range was constructed by members of the department on property owned by Robert Converse. A weekly firearm instruction program has been instituted in which regular and auxiliary officers receive training on a competitive basis.

Four women were assigned as School Crossing Traffic Supervisors at four locations by the Board of Selectmen. They completed training in the following: Police Department Rules and Regulations, Traffic Control and Direction, Motor Vehicle Laws — Ordinances and Regulations, Public Relations, Court Procedure and First Aid. They are to be commended for the excellent job done this year.

I also wish to thank the Auxiliary Police Officers who have generously donated their services this year, greatly assisting in emergency policing.

The Auxiliary Police again this year held regular meetings and continued the training schedule set up the previous year. They have also continued their target practice under the direction of Sergeant Newton Goewey. Their revolver team placed first in the New England Police Revolver League Matches this year.

To our citizens, we will strive to merit your continued confidence in the Department, guarding your welfare and property and keeping Wilbraham a good community in which to live, work and play.

As Captain in charge of the Department, I am ever conscious of the faithful and loyal performance of the members. Their co-operation and spirit is an integral part of our achievement. The co-operation of all other departments in the Town Government is another valuable asset to our force.

Again I wish to express my most sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen for their continued friendly co-operation.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

*Crimes Against Property* — larceny, 4; trespass, 2; using motor vehicle without authority, 1; breaking and entering, 5. *Crimes Against the Public Order* — disturbing the peace, 1; driving to endanger, 10; driving while intoxicated, 10; drunkenness, 8; non-support, 2; speeding, 74; operating without license, 4; no sticker, 2; for other Police Departments, 4; persons reported missing, 4; lost persons located and returned to their homes, 2; summonses served for other departments, 103; complaints received and investigated, 52; other investigations, 66; suspicious persons and cars investigated, 75; street lights reported not burning, 38; homes vacant and cared for, 162; buildings found open and secured, 24; defective streets and sidewalks, 4; persons taken in charge and sent home, 10; failure to keep to the right, 64; operating without registration, 4; parking violation, 6; passing red traffic light, 3; passing stop sign, 39; automobile accidents investigated, 55; violations referred to the Registry of Motor Vehicles, 15; persons injured and taken to the hospital, 8; operating after suspension of license, 2; failure to slow for intersection, 12; cases prosecuted in District Court, 198; amount of fines paid the Town of Wilbraham, \$1,270.40; the motor patrol covered 48,280.6 miles in 1958; pistol and revolver permits issued, 75; licenses to sell firearms, 2; money received from pistol permits, \$190.00.

ROBERT C. DIETZ, *Captain*

## Dog Officer

I hereby present my report as Dog Officer for the period beginning July 2, 1958 and ending December 31, 1958.

Animals reported lost, 22; animals picked up as strays, 10; animals recovered and returned to owners, 14; animals taken to the S.P.C.A., 2; dogs reported struck by cars, 8; dog bite cases investigated, 17; cases of dogs killing livestock, 2; complaints received regarding dogs, 36.

License fees were collected without court action for all unlicensed dogs.

ROBERT C. DIETZ, *Dog Officer*

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

During the year 1958 the following devices were sealed in town:

Scales	61	Pumps, kerosene	2
Weights	68	Pumps, grease	12
Measures, liquid	11	Meters, oil truck	7
Pumps, gasoline	38	Milk tanks	1

The fees collected amounted to \$128.90.

No complaints were received during the year, which could be taken to indicate that the public is quite satisfied with our tradesmen.

CHARLES L. MERRICK

## **Aid to Agriculture**

In accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth — Chapter 128 — the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture are authorized to receive on behalf of the County, money appropriated by any town or city or by the Federal Government for carrying out the provisions of the law under which they are appointed.

The Trustees are further authorized to maintain agents to conduct meetings or demonstrations, make individual farm and home visits and in all ways help to improve home and community interests wherever possible.

Their agents have made contacts during the past year in every community either by public meetings, individual visits, group discussions, demonstrations or otherwise in attempting to assist the needs of the citizens toward better business, better living and better community service and have been ably assisted by a large number of local volunteer leaders.

In Wilbraham the following citizens have ably assisted as voluntary leaders in promoting the programs as have been conducted during the year: Mrs. John H. Chapman, Mrs. Margaret L. Clifford, Gail Fellows, Donald and Edward Fife, Doris Grandchamp, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grandchamp, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest LeVasseur, Mrs. Edward J. Luff, Mrs. Clifford Patric, Mrs. Warren T. Reddish, Judith Rice, Mrs. June Rice, Mrs. Marjorie L. Shephard, Mrs. Charles J. Smith, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Trombley and Edmund Wallace.

An expense of \$92.12 was incurred by these leaders for travel or for the purchase of supplies necessary in carrying on the various projects.

The appropriation made by your Town was used by the agents of the Trustees for only residents of your Town.

### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

1958 Appropriation	\$100.00
1957 Unexpended Balance	108.62
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Total Available for 1958	\$208.62
Total Expenditure in 1958	92.12
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1959 Balance Available	\$116.50
1959 Recommended Appropriation	\$100.00

**ALBERT H. FULLER, Clerk**

## **Sanitarian and Milk Inspector's Report**

As Sanitarian and Milk Inspector for the Town of Wilbraham, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1958.

During the first of 1958 the Board of Health adopted rules and regulations pertaining to public health and environmental sanitation of the Town. With these regulations as a guide a fine program of restaurant and market inspection work was conducted. During the year, seventy-eight inspections were made on sixteen restaurants, and nine stores and markets.

In June 1958 licenses were issued to twelve milk dealers selling milk and cream in the Town of Wilbraham, eighteen milk licenses and ten oleomargarine licenses were issued to stores and markets selling these products to the community.

During the tourist season eight overnight camps and tourist cabins were inspected to determine the sanitary condition under which these establishments were being operated. Conditions were found to be more than satisfactory.

Public health nuisance complaints investigated totalled seventeen. Cooperation in abating unjustifiable nuisances was most gratifying.

I was available, on several occasions, as a consultant to the Board of Health regarding the condition and changes made in the Town dumps. This phase of community sanitation is extremely important and is being conducted satisfactorily by the Board of Health.

The sanitary condition of the Town of Wilbraham, in general, is extremely good. The Board of Health has been sincerely active and interested in the public health of the community.

I wish to thank the public for the fine cooperation that they have extended to me and hope that the health of the Town can be maintained on as high a level as it was during 1958.

JOHN A. BRICKETT

## **Slaughtering Inspector**

Number swine slaughtered — 4

Number cattle slaughtered — 1

All animals slaughtered tested out clean with no reactors.

CLIFFORD A. BRADWAY

## Civil Defense

The Wilbraham Civil Defense Authority has had a very successful and outstanding year. The participation of your Civil Defense organization in various operations during the past year has established standards and prestige that deserves the highest praise. The willingness, cooperation and united effort on behalf of all those individuals interested in this phase of government is beyond proper recognition. The townspeople can be proud



Photo by Bogue

Civil Defense Auxiliary Police during instruction on "Judo"

Wilbraham Auxiliary Police Unit with Captain Robert Dietz

Photo by Bogue



of the reputation and good will that is being created by this unique organization.

Our first major exercise during the year was our "Evacuation" during the regular annual Civil Defense Alert. This operation was in addition to the required exercises and much knowledge was gained relative to problems in "Evacuation." It was the only community in our area that undertook a major project in connection with the Federal and State exercise.

The next item of major importance was the building and dedication of the "Fall-out Shelter" on December 7th, 1958. The "Shelter" is the first of its type in the whole United States and it attracted considerable attention throughout the area. The dedication services combined with the Memorial Services made a very impressive affair. Each and every one of you is invited to visit this shelter, and determine for yourself the type of program for survival your family should adopt.

The next item of major importance was the adoption of the "State Operations Plan for Survival." Wilbraham has prepared its own "Survival Plan" for distribution to its citizens. It is the first town in the State to take the initiative in this field of public information. We urge you to read this "Plan" and become familiar with its operations. All the information that any citizen might want is available in this pamphlet. It is *up to you to make plans for your own survival.* We feel that the information in our "Survival Plan" will be of some help and assistance. Distribution of the "Wilbraham Plan for Survival" we hope, will be made before Town Meeting. Your cooperation is desired in filling out the "Questionnaire" and "Registration" form in order that we may function properly during any emergency.

Again we want to emphasize that this department is cooperating with all other departments in Town in obtaining materials and equipment for emergency needs at tremendous savings. We want to express our appreciation to all those who are so helpful and generous with their time for the cause of Civil Defense.

ROGER T. HINTZE, *Director*

### **Report for 1958 Insurance Review Committee**

During 1958 the Insurance Review Committee completed a thorough analysis of the major categories of insurance on Town Buildings and Contents, and on Town Vehicles, the details of

which are given below. These categories are the same as outlined in the Report for 1957.

### 1. *Town Buildings and Contents*

Two complete surveys were made of the insurable values of all Town buildings, one by the Springfield Fire & Marine Insurance Company and the other by the Insurance Review Committee, with the assistance of Mr. Walter Addison, an Engineer in the Real Estate Loan Department of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. The results of both surveys were discussed with representatives of the Springfield Fire & Marine Insurance Company and a final set of valuations determined.

A complete, detailed estimate of valuation of contents in the various Town buildings, with the exception of the school buildings, was compiled, based on reports made by the Water, Highway, Fire and Police Departments, and the estimate made of the Library in 1957. The contents of the Town Office were obtained by a joint study made by the Insurance Review Committee and the Board of Selectmen. The contents of the school buildings are currently determined by the School Department and it was the opinion of the Insurance Review Committee that this valuation is adequately covered at present.

Based on the above valuations of buildings and contents, recommendations were made to the Board of Selectmen for revisions of the fire insurance carried on the Town buildings and contents exclusive of the schools. These recommendations represented no change in the insurance on the American Legion building and the Library; a decrease of \$800 on Portable Buildings No. 1 and No. 2; a decrease of \$1300 on the Perry building; and increases of \$1300 on the Sand Loader, \$3000 on the Town Office, and \$3000 on the Fire House. Also, since no insurance had been placed on the new Water Department, Salt Storage and Highway Department buildings, amounts of \$8,000, \$1800 and \$7300 were recommended respectively for these.

With the approval of the Board of Selectmen, a revised set of valuations was filed with the New England Fire Insurance Rating Exchange on all Town-owned buildings and contents with the exception of those of the School Department.

Also based on the above valuations of school buildings, recommendations were made to the Board of Selectmen and to Mr. Dorrance Green, Chairman of the School Committee, for revision of insurance carried, which represented no change in the

Pines School and a decrease in insurance on the other schools of \$25,000 on Memorial, \$8000 on Stony Hill and \$2700 on Springfield Street.

An investigation was made of the cost of fire insurance with mutual companies and it was found that savings of 20% to 40% in premium cost could be realized with several reliable companies. One of these companies, of excellent rating and paying a 40% dividend, was recommended to the Board of Selectmen and to the Chairman of the School Committee for consideration in connection with the fire insurance for the school buildings.

The cost of insurance against damage from boiler explosion was investigated for the school buildings and for other Town buildings, separately and combined. It was found that adequate coverage of this kind is now carried on the school buildings and that no saving in its cost would result from an over-all policy on all Town buildings. Also, in the opinion of the Insurance Review Committee, the premium cost of this insurance would not be justified for the comparatively small risks involved for Town buildings other than the schools.

Towards the end of 1958, an investigation was started concerning the fire insurance rates on privately owned buildings in Wilbraham. It may be possible to reduce these rates because of improvements made in the fire protection of the Town. This will be investigated.

## 2. Town Vehicles

### A. Bodily Injury and Property Damage

The Insurance Review Committee has obtained the following ruling on the legal responsibility of the Town for this class of insurance.

“The Town is not liable for damages in the performance of duties which it is required to perform by law, but drivers of Town-owned vehicles are personally liable for any damage or injury caused by them. In order to protect the drivers of Town-owned vehicles, the Town is permitted by Clause (1) Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as last amended by Chapter 176 of the Acts of 1958, to appropriate money to pay for insurance not exceeding \$25,000 per person or \$100,000 per accident, and \$5,000 property damage.”

The authority for this statement is advice from Mr. Herman B. Dine, Director of Accounts, Department of Corpo-

rations and Taxation, State House, Boston, which has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Frank Auchter, Town Counsel.

The practice of the Town to date has been to carry Bodily Injury and Property Damage insurance on the two Water Department trucks, one of the Highway Department trucks and the Police cruiser, of varying amounts. In the case of the Fire Department drivers, the practice has been to depend on the personal insurance of the drivers, with the Town paying the additional premium necessary for coverage for driving the fire trucks. This procedure is undesirable, in the opinion of the Insurance Review Committee, because of the variety in amount of insurance now carried, the difficulty of determining the proper premium charge to be paid by the Town for personal insurance and the non-coverage of drivers of all except one of the Highway Department trucks.

The Insurance Review Committee has recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the limits of \$25,000 — \$100,000 Bodily Injury and \$5000 Property Damage be carried on every Town-owned motor vehicle and that the practice of paying additional premium costs on driver's personal insurance be discontinued. While this procedure will require additional premium cost to the Town, the Insurance Review Committee feels that the Town has a moral responsibility to the drivers and to the community to provide this protection.

#### B. Comprehensive (Fire & Theft, etc.)

In general, the various Town vehicles carry the proper amount of insurance of this nature, in the opinion of the Insurance Review Committee. The premium costs are not large and no changes are recommended.

#### C. Collision or Upset

As noted in the 1957 report, this class of insurance is carried for the two Water Department trucks, the Police cruiser, the Fire trucks and the ambulance. The Insurance Review Committee feels that this comparatively expensive insurance should be continued for the Fire trucks and ambulance, which are the most expensive of the Town-owned vehicles and are driven under the most hazardous conditions, and should be discontinued for all other Town-owned vehicles. This recommendation has been made to the Board of Selectmen.

### 3. General on Insurance

The past procedure of having each department administer the insurance for its buildings and equipment leads to some inconsistencies of insurance carried and, since policies mature at different times and are filed in different locations, it is difficult to determine whether policies have been renewed properly and have been kept up to date when new equipment or buildings are added. There is also the question of equitable allocation of insurance among the various companies and agents.

A study is now being made of the possibilities of administering all insurance, with the possible exception of that of the School Department, by the Selectmen with the assistance of a permanent Insurance Committee, as well as a single agent with which insurance will be placed, along with a sharing of agent's fees among the eligible agents which are residents of the Town.

### 4. Remaining Categories of Insurance

The work accomplished during 1958 as outlined above occupied the full time of the Insurance Review Committee and action on the categories of Workmen's Compensation, Miscellaneous, Hospitalization or Medical, and Public Liability of Town Property will be taken in the future as soon as time permits.

ARTHUR R. BROWN, *Chairman*  
ALEXANDER W. MARCO, *Secretary*  
ALDO ALBERICI

JESSE CANERDY  
BERT MOUNT  
LELAND W. SHAW

## **Report of the Betterment Assessment Study Committee**

On the authorization of the Annual Meeting in 1958 the Selectmen appointed this committee to study the advisability, for the Town of Wilbraham, of assessing betterments in connection with the extension of various town services.

Over the past several years the problem of making the right decision on improvements in the water system and the extension of its mains has been one of the most serious facing the voters at town meetings. Due to the size and complexity of this recurring problem the committee decided to concentrate its first efforts on a study of that problem.

Water Commissioners Robert W. Maynard and Walter L. Woods, who is a member of the committee, gave us their whole-hearted support and were most helpful in compiling information which was of vital importance to our study. We were inter-

ested in the results of a careful appraisal of the current operation of the Water Department. On January 1, 1958 there were 1150 water customers and on December 15, 1958 there were 1303 customers, an increase of 153 in eleven and one-half months. The system contains 33.1 miles of water mains, or approximately 175,000 feet, the estimated replacement cost of which is \$1,153,000. Of this total, approximately 62,000 feet of main at a cost of \$282,000 have been installed by developers. Especially interesting is the following table, in round numbers, showing for 1958 the income to the town and disbursements by the town on account of water.

Receipts from customers		\$44,000
Receipts from taxation as a result of the 5% assessed to those who have water	15,000	\$59,000
Maintenance — including cost of water	-\$18,000	
Interest and principal on bonds and notes	21,000	
Fair depreciation charge to provide for eventual replacement of mains	20,000	59,000
Profit or Loss		\$0.00

This tabulation represents a conservatively true picture of the current operation of the Water Department and the Department deserves commendation for paying its own way. The figures should reassure those who believed that the operation of the Water Department was a burden on the taxpayers and, at the same time, temper the claims of those who believed that it was a highly profitable operation for the town. The Water Department is not only paying its way but we further believe that the system is entirely adequate to serve the customers who are currently using town water.

The problem of this committee has been to determine whether or not we would recommend to the town the adoption of betterment assessments in connection with future extensions of the water mains to serve areas and customers who do not now have water available. As it now stands, an individual or group of individuals could, provided support were obtained from enough voters, have the mains extended and the town as a whole would have to pay 100% of the initial outlay. Looking to the not-too-distant future, we believe that a continuation of this policy could potentially expose the town to a dangerously expensive

situation. On occasions in the past, certain areas which wanted town water have offered to cooperate with the town by sharing the cost, either by furnishing materials or labor, but because the town had no established policy to cover such a procedure and hesitated to set a haphazard precedent they were turned down.

With this background in mind, and after considerable discussion, this committee came to the conclusion that a betterment system based on a formula which would be equitable and not impose an unreasonable burden on anyone would be a tremendous advantage to the town. We are recommending a specific plan which you will find in this book under a special article in the warrant for the coming annual meeting. In order to save space we do not duplicate it here. Since we firmly believe that adoption of this betterment plan will permit the town to consider the extension of water mains in a more orderly, business-like, and impartial manner we strongly urge the voters to approve the article.

RICHARD L. DANFORTH, *Selectman, Chairman*  
FRANK AUCHTER, *Town Counsel*  
ALBERT H. HOWES, *Finance Committee*  
LEO E. KUEHN, *Planning Board*  
ALDEN SAFFORD, *Assessor*  
STEVENS L. SHEA, *Civic Survey Committee*  
WALTER L. WOODS, *Water Commissioner*

## **Report of Annual Town Meeting**

**March 15, 1958**

In accordance with the warrant as posted, the voters of the Town assembled in the Wilbraham Memorial School Auditorium, Wilbraham.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ernest W. Furnans, Jr. at 8:30 a. m. and was recessed until 10:00 a. m. when the business session would be called. The polls were declared open at 8:30 a. m. by Warden Charles L. Merrick, who with the Ballot Clerks and Tellers, had been sworn in by Town Clerk Doris G. Cochran. Ballot Clerks and Tellers were: Anna Tupper, Clerk; William L. Dempsey, Registrar; Rita Babineau, Helen Bernard, Theresa Boden, Helen Workum, Wanda Gurski, May Irwin, Mary Kilburn, Beulah Wahlberg, Helen Laurino, Helen Panek, Dorothy Reidy, Helen Starczewski, Elizabeth

Barnes, Filomena Gilbert, Alice Grandchamp, June Rice. Police Officers were: Alton McDonald, Ernest Bacon, and Newton Goewey, Jr.

The business session of the Town Meeting was reconvened at 10:00 a. m. by Moderator Furnans. The following tellers were appointed and sworn in by the Moderator, Stanley Opalinski, Head Teller, Jennie Dygon, Pearl Kinney, Samuel McCleery, Bion T. Wheeler, Jr., Lincoln A. Dexter, Doris C. Bowman and Marguerite G. Brady. It was noted that a quorum was present.

ARTICLE 1. Town Officers elected by unanimous vote were as follows:

*Poundkeeper*

Ernest L. Bacon

*Surveyors of Lumber*

Walter H. Clark

Jesse L. Rice

*Field Drivers*

Jerry Donohue

Alvin A. Richmond

Leonard F. VonFlatern, Sr.

*Weighers of Grain*

Weldon G. Jameson

Jesse L. Rice

*Measurers of Wood and Charcoal*

Walter H. Clark

Edward P. Lindsay

ARTICLE 2. Voted unanimously that the Town accept the reports of the Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare, Treasurer and other officers or committees as printed in the Annual Town Report for 1957.

ARTICLE 3. Voted unanimously that compensation for Town Officers be fixed as follows: Town Clerk, \$1,300.00 (all fees to revert to the Town Treasury); Town Treasurer, \$1,300.00 per year; Moderator, \$50.00 Annual Town Meeting, \$15.00 Special Town Meetings; Town Collector, \$2,900.00 per year (all fees to revert to the Town Treasury); Tree Warden, \$1.50 per hour (includes use of car); Selectmen, 2 members \$600.00 per year, Chairman, \$650.00 per year; Assessors, \$1.50 per hour (includes use of car when needed); Constables, \$1.50 per hour when called on duty by Selectmen, plus fees; Auditor, \$200.00 per

year; School Committee, no salary; Cemetery Commissioners, no salary, \$1.50 per hour for time spent at work; Water Commissioners, \$150.00 per year; Library Trustees, no salary; Planning Board Members, no salary; Poundkeeper, Field Drivers, Weighers of Grain, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurers of Wood and Charcoal (all Town Officers elected otherwise than by official ballot) fees only as fixed by General Laws.

ARTICLE 4. Voted unanimously that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1958, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

NOTE: Action on Article 5 was deferred until after Article 14 to permit a larger attendance.

ARTICLE 5. Voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$904,399.27 for the following items: Aid to Agriculture, \$100.00; Aid to Dependent Children, \$1,000.00; Aid to Disabled, \$7,000.00; Assessors' Exp. Account, \$750.00; Board of Health, \$7,500.00; Building Inspector's Exp. Account, \$100.00; Cemeteries, \$1,800.00; Civil Defense, \$2,400.00; Community Program — Schools, \$5,280.00; Dead Wood — Chapter 761, \$2,500.00; Dental Clinic, \$1,050.00; Election Expense, \$2,500.00; Fire Department, \$15,200.00; Forest Warden, \$900.00; General Relief, \$5,000.00; Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School, \$16,338.56; Highways — Miscellaneous, \$27,200.00; Insurance and Bonding, \$5,500.00; Interest, \$50.00; Legal, \$1,000.00; Library, \$11,656.86; Memorial Day and Independence Day, \$250.00; Mosquito Control, \$2,000.00; Old Age Assistance, \$21,000.00; Parks, \$2,060.00; Pest Control — Chapter 660, \$2,000.00; Planning Board Expense, \$500.00; Play-ground Expense, \$4,400.00; Police, \$20,000.00; Printing Town Reports, \$2,200.00; Registrar's Expense, \$200.00; Road Machinery Operating Expense, \$4,400.00; Schools, \$518,149.00; School Bonds and Interest (1949), \$21,255.00; School Bonds and Interest (1953), \$25,225.00; School Bonds and Interest (1956), \$37,327.50; School Bonds and Interest (1957), \$30,725.00; Selectmen's Contingency Account, \$1,500.00; Street Lights, \$5,500.00; Town Clerk's Expense Account, \$200.00;

Town Collector's Expense Account, \$800.00; Town Officers' and Employees' Salaries, \$29,000.00; Town Office and Building Maintenance, \$5,000.00; Town Treasurer's Expense Account, \$400.00; Town Treasurer's Expense Account — Land Court, \$250.00; Tree Warden's Expense Account, \$1,600.00; Veterans' Benefits, \$4,500.00; Water Bonds and Interest (1955), \$6,837.50; Water Department — Maintenance, \$23,600.00; Water Notes and Interest (1953) \$11,237.50; Wilbraham Contributory Retirement Account — Town's Portion, \$7,457.35; Total, \$904,399.27.

ARTICLE 6. Voted unanimously that the sum of \$980.14 from the Dog Tax of 1957 be added to the Library Appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,400.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway work, and that in addition the sum of \$15,400.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

ARTICLE 8. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that in addition the sum of \$2,500.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated funds in the treasury.

ARTICLE 9. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, and that in addition the sum of \$15,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work: the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

ARTICLE 10. Voted by a majority that the Town appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of

\$10,000.00 to construct a garage on Town property for use of the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 11. Voted unanimously that the Town transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$4,700.00 to purchase a 2-ton dump truck for the use of the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 12. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$375.00 to purchase a Sewer Rod Machine for the use of the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 13. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$15,000.00 to be spent by the Water Department for additional household and business installations for water service, the cost of which is to be collected by the Town from the individuals or concerns requesting installations, and which is returned to surplus funds.

ARTICLE 14. Voted by a majority that the Town repeal that part of Article 2, Section 6 of the Town By-Laws which requires the election of five constables for one year, and instead of electing constables, to authorize the appointment of two constables by the Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 41, Sections 91A and 91B.

ARTICLE 15. Voted unanimously that the Town discontinue that portion of the highway known as Old Ludlow Road, between Boston Road and the Boston & Albany Railroad, adjoining the Boston & Albany Railroad Station at North Wilbraham; reserving, however, to the Town the right to maintain and relay the water main now existing under said road and the right to enter for said purpose.

ARTICLE 16. Voted unanimously that the Town accept from the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority deeds of lands in the Town which were acquired by said Authority by virtue of its Order of Taking No. 30 and its Order of Taking No. 85, said lands being shown as parcels numbered 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, E-4, E-5, and DE-4, on plans filed with said Orders of Taking in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds and in the

Town Clerk's Office, the lands so deeded being such as are outside the location lines at Three Rivers Road.

ARTICLE 17. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$3,000.00 to install an adequate main line meter not to exceed 12 inch in size and chlorinating equipment in the Miller Street meter pit in accordance with M.D.C. standards.

ARTICLE 18. Voted by more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote that the Town appropriate the sum of \$135,000.00 to lay a 16-inch water main from the existing main at the intersection of Maple and Main Streets and running westerly to and thence on Boston Road for a distance of 8,800 feet, and from the end of the existing 16-inch main on South Main Street running southerly for a distance of 2,600 feet, and that to meet said appropriation there be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$75,000.00 and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$60,000.00 and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than 5 years from the date of issue of the first bond or note.

In favor	291
Opposed	7
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An amendment to lay the 16-inch main on Boston Road only was defeated.

ARTICLE 19. Voted unanimously that no action be taken on this article.

ARTICLE 20. Voted by a majority that the Town accept a gift of land from Mr. and Mrs. J. Loring Brooks for the purpose of providing a site for a fire station at Wilbraham Center lying on the northerly side of Woodland Dell Road, a Wilbraham Town Way as laid out by the Selectmen on March 3, 1955 and more particularly bounded and described as follows, viz: beginning at a point in the northerly line of said Woodland Dell Road which is S 86° 25' 13" E a distance of 330.18 feet

from an iron bar which marks the intersection of said northerly line with the easterly line of Main Street, a 1915 Hampden County Highway; thence N 24° 35' 10" E along the easterly side of a 50 foot wide right of way as described in Book 2501, at Page 591 a distance of 152.00 feet to a point; thence S 66° 07' 40" E a distance of 187.13 feet to a point; thence S 3° 34' 47" W a distance of 77.00 feet to a point in the northerly line of said Woodland Dell Road, the last two courses being along other land of the Grantors herein; thence N 86° 25' 13" W along northerly line a distance of 230.00 feet to a point of beginning, and containing 23,076 square feet.

**ARTICLE 21.** Voted by a majority that the Town appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$22,000.00 to purchase a new fire truck for use at Wilbraham Center.

**ARTICLE 22.** Voted by a majority that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to engage an architect to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of a fire station in Wilbraham Center, said specifications to be presented at a future Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 23.** Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 to pay the garbage collector, with receipts from garbage collection subscribers to be restored as received by the Town Collector to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

**ARTICLE 24.** Defeated.

In favor	7
Opposed	217

**ARTICLE 25.** Defeated.

In favor	0
Opposed	221

**ARTICLE 26.** Voted by more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  that the Town amend the zoning by-law by extending the width of the present business district bordering the southerly side of Boston Road from the junction of Boston Road and Stony Hill Road for a distance of approximately one mile more or less to a point described as the

east boundary of the Town Highway Department Yard, from the existing width of 100 feet to a maximum width of 200 feet.

In favor	207
Opposed	11

ARTICLE 27. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be expended under the joint supervision of the Planning Board and the Board of Assessors for the preparation of maps and plans for the use of said Planning Board and Board of Assessors.

ARTICLE 28. Voted by a majority that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 to purchase a cruiser for the use of the Wilbraham Police.

ARTICLE 29. Voted by a majority that the present voting precincts of the Town be changed in accordance with the recommendations of the Selectmen embodied in a statement giving the boundaries, the designations of the proposed precincts and the number of voters registered in each for the preceding State or Town election filed with the Town Clerk at least seven days before this Town Meeting, such changes to take effect on December 31, 1958, all as provided by Section 7 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 30. Voted by a majority that the Annual Town Election for all Town Officials to be chosen thereat be held on the First Saturday of March in each year; and that all matters to be considered at the Annual Town Meeting, other than the election of officers, shall be in order at a Town Meeting held within 30 days after the date of the Annual Town Election, the date thereof to be determined by the Selectmen.

In favor	64
Opposed	51

Voted by a majority to amend the original article changing the election day from the first Wednesday to the first Saturday in March in each year and that voting at elections for town officers shall not be by precincts.

ARTICLE 31. Voted unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in

some convenient and public place in the Town 14 days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under tax title procedure, provided that the Selectmen, or whomsoever they authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

ARTICLE 32. Voted unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen to institute or defend suits and employ counsel for the purpose of protecting the interests of the Town.

ARTICLE 33. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 to purchase land to extend the East Wilbraham Cemetery, land to be purchased from Lawrence Sweetman, beginning at a point on the northeasterly corner of the present East Wilbraham Cemetery running northerly about 25' to a wire fence which is the southerly boundary of the Massachusetts Turnpike, thence westerly along said wire fence about 374' to a point, thence southerly in a straight line about 234' to a pin, thence easterly about 175' to the westerly boundary of said cemetery, thence northerly along said boundary about 162' to the northwesterly corner of said cemetery, thence easterly along present north boundary of said cemetery about 165' to the point of beginning.

ARTICLE 34. Voted unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Bi-Centennial Committee which will include the members of our present History Committee, previously appointed by your Selectmen who shall assist the Selectmen in planning for our 200th Anniversary in 1963, said plans to be presented at some subsequent Annual Town Meeting, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the necessary expenses of the History Committee.

ARTICLE 35. Voted unanimously that the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to be known as a Betterment Assessment Study Committee, to consist of 7 members — one Selectman, one Water Commissioner, one Planning Board Member, one Assessor, one Finance Committee Member, one Civic Survey Committee Member and the Town Counsel to study the problem of assessing betterments for various town services and to report to the townspeople at the next Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 36. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for a Reserve Fund to be transferred from the Overlay Surplus Account.

ARTICLE 37. Voted by a majority that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purpose of increasing the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 38. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Shady Lane, as shown on sub-division plan drawn by Durkee, White and Towne, dated May 1954, beginning at Brooklawn Road and running easterly for a distance of 506.11 feet more or less, and that the sum of \$1,155.00 be raised and appropriated for construction of said Shady Lane, and that betterment assessments be levied in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 39. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Jewell Lane, as shown on sub-division plan drawn by Durkee, White and Towne, dated May 1954, beginning at the now accepted portion of Jewell Lane and running easterly for a distance of 425 feet more or less and that the sum of \$1,435.00 be raised and appropriated for construction of said Jewell Lane, and that betterment assessments be levied in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 40. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Sunnyside Terrace, as shown on sub-division plan (Revised) drawn by C. E. Anderson Associates, dated July 1955, beginning at Stony Hill Road and running westerly for a distance of 620 feet more or less, and that the sum of \$1,805.00 be raised and appropriated for construction of said Sunnyside Terrace and that betterment assessments be levied in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 41. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Greenwood Road as shown on plan and profile of Greenwood Road dated May 1957 drawn by John T. Casey, beginning at the now accepted portion of Greenwood Road and running southerly for a distance of 100 feet more or less.

ARTICLE 42. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Glenn Drive as shown on plan of lots of Glenn Drive dated December 1955, and plan of lots of Glenn Drive and Lance Lane dated January 1956, drawn by Durkee, White and Towne, Engineers, beginning at Stony Hill Road and running easterly to Lance Lane, a distance of 2,514 feet more or less.

ARTICLE 43. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Lance Lane as shown on plan of lots of Glenn Drive and Lance Lane, dated January 1956, drawn by Durkee, White and Towne, Engineers, beginning at Glenn Drive running northerly to Manchonis Road Extension for a distance of 547 feet more or less.

ARTICLE 44. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Addison Road as shown on sub-division plan dated March 1956, beginning at Pleasant View Road and running northerly and southerly for a distance of 1,201 feet more or less.

ARTICLE 45. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Oakland Street, as shown on sub-division plan dated March 1956, beginning at Meadowview Road and running easterly and westerly for a distance of 400 feet more or less.

ARTICLE 46. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Pleasant View Road, as shown on sub-division plan dated March 1956, beginning at Meadowview Road and running easterly and westerly for a distance of 400 feet more or less.

ARTICLE 47. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Leemond Street as shown on sub-division plan of William and Lillie Decorie drawn by Smith and Wallen Engineers, dated November 1954, beginning at Decorie Drive and running northerly for a distance of 1,385 feet more or less.

ARTICLE 48. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Brookmont Drive, as shown on sub-division plan of Brookmont Heights, drawn by John T. Casey, R.L.S., dated July 1957, beginning at the

now accepted portion of Brookmont Drive and running north-easterly and thence northwesterly for a distance of 851 feet more or less.

ARTICLE 49. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Decorie Drive as shown on sub-division plan of Earl W. Decorie, drawn by Smith and Wallen, Engineers, dated July 1957, beginning at Leemond Street and running westerly for a distance of 1,400 feet more or less.

ARTICLE 50. Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Hilltop Drive as shown on sub-division plan of Brookmont Heights, drawn by John T. Casey, R.L.S. dated July 1957, beginning at Brookmont Drive and running easterly and southerly for a distance of 1,000 feet more or less.

ARTICLE 51. Voted by a majority that the Town accept a gift of a parcel of land from one Douglas M. Trevallion to be used as a park and recreation area, consisting of approximately one and four-tenths acres, namely lots 68, 70 and the westerly half of lot 66 on Manchonis Road Extension as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Lots on Manchonis Road Extension" Durkee, White and Towne Engineers, dated August 1954 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 44, Page 115.

ARTICLE 52. Voted unanimously that all appropriations made at this meeting, unless otherwise provided for, be raised by assessment against the polls, personal properties and real estate of the Town.

It was voted unanimously to close the polls at 6:30 p. m. on March 15, 1958.

A unanimous vote was made to close the business portion of the Town Meeting at 6:00 p. m.

All votes having been counted, Town Clerk Doris G. Cochran made known the results and the Town Meeting was declared closed by Moderator Ernest Furnans at 11:15 p. m.

Attest:

DORIS G. COCHRAN, *Town Clerk*

## **Report of Special Town Meeting**

**DECEMBER 5, 1958**

In accordance with the warrant as posted, the voters of the Town assembled in the Wilbraham Memorial School Auditorium.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Mr. Ernest W. Furnans, Jr. at 8:00 p. m. with approximately 30 voters present.

**ARTICLE 1.** Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$450.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, and that in addition the sum of \$1,350.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work; the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

**ARTICLE 2.** Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$2,000.00 to the Miscellaneous Highways Account.

**ARTICLE 3.** Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Dead Wood Account.

**ARTICLE 4.** Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$600.00 to purchase a snow plow for the use of the Highway Dept.

**ARTICLE 5.** Voted unanimously that the Town accept as a public way the private way now known as Crane Park Drive, as shown on plan drawn by Gordon E. Ainsworth and Associates, dated January 16, 1958, beginning at Burt Lane and running northerly thence easterly for a distance of 350 feet.

**ARTICLE 6.** Voted unanimously that all appropriations made at this meeting, unless otherwise provided for, be raised by assessment against the polls, personal properties and real estate of the Town.

Voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p. m.

Attest:

DORIS G. COCHRAN, *Town Clerk*

## Jury List

Allyn, W. Gilbert, 384 Stony Hill Rd., W.	Factory Worker
Anderson, Robert W., 1051 Stony Hill Rd., W.	Salesman
Bagienski, Walter, 20 Main St., W.	Factory Worker
Bolegno, Guisippi, 344 Stony Hill Rd., W.	Tire Worker
Barnes, Milton R., 11 Maiden Lane, N.W.	Insurance Worker
Barnhart, Philip M., 8 E. Colonial Rd., W.	Salesman
Baush, Henry P., 11 Dudley St., N.W.	Accountant
Behrens, Fred E., 716 Main St., W.	Machinist
Boden, Frank J., 195 Main St., W.	Counselor
Boyer, Philip, 49 Manchonis Rd., N.W.	Contractor
Cieplinski, Stephen S., 85 Stony Hill Rd., W.	Factory Worker
Collins, Leslie R., 2653 Boston Rd., N.W.	Wire Drawer
Connelly, Charles, 279 Stony Hill Rd., W.	Mason
Crespi, Joseph S., 254 Mountain Rd., N.W.	Foundry Worker
Cross, Kenneth A., 356 Springfield St., W.	Line Foreman
Dudek, Stanley J., 143 Stony Hill Rd., W.	Grinder
Edson, Elliot G., 651 Stony Hill Rd., W.	Draftsman
Elkas, Harold G., 39 Faculty St., W.	Salesman
Fillmore, Warren I., 11 Ridgewood Rd., W.	Insurance Worker
Frappier, Robert H., 824 Ridge Rd., W.	Engineer
Frost, William W., 58 Mountain Rd., N.W.,	Foreman
Gale, John W., 200 Main St., W.	Retired
Gowell, Bert W., 47 Monson Rd., W.	Manager
Graham, Everett W., 110 Main St., W.	Safety Engineer
Greendale, Albert, 493 Main St., W.	Insurance Worker
Gurski, John, 39 Weston St., N.W.	Packer
Hartt, Dudley N., Jr., 14 Birch St., W.	Lawyer
Irla, Edward W., 12 Brainard Rd., N.W.	Businessman
Irwin, Ralph F., 17 Merrill Rd., W.	Superintendent
Jackson, George S., 10 Pease St., W.	Accountant
Jones, Harold K., 11 Delmor Circle, W.	Insurance Worker
Juechter, John W., Jr., 72 Beebe Rd., W.	Engineer
Kitterman, Myles W., 33 Brainard Rd., N.W.	Engineer
Laurino, Thomas E., 81 Bridge St., N.W.	Toolmaker
Lebel, Albert O., 4 Bradlind Ave., N.W.	Builder
Lyman, John R., Ridge Rd., W.	Businessman
Magruder, S. Henry, 505 Mountain Rd., W.	Sales Engineer
Marco, Alexander W., 89 Stony Hill Rd., W.	Superintendent
Merrick, Charles L., 651 Main St., W.	Farmer
Merrick, Stuart H., 651 Main St., W.	Farmer
Morin, Edward J., 847 Main St., W.	Inspector
Murphy, Alexander, 1315 Tinkham Rd., W.	Toolmaker
Nowak, Frank J., 163 Stony Hill Rd., W.	Shipping Clerk
Sagen, Walter M., 7 Sunnyside Ter., W.	Factory Worker
Saler, Julius N., 407 Monson Rd., W.	Retired
Sanborn, Herbert L., 2 Greenwood Rd., W.	Insurance Worker
Skorupski, John M., 2800 Boston Rd., N.W.	Businessman
Szczebak, Stanley, 347 Stony Hill Rd., W.	Pharmacist
Tyson, Robert M., 423 Mountain Rd., W.	Salesman
VonFlatern, Leonard F., 7 Maiden Lane, N.W.	Innkeeper
Wahlberg, John, 21 Springfield St., W.	Office Worker
Williams, Mansfield W., 10 Colonial Rd., W.	Engineer
Zakutney, Walter, Stony Hill Rd., W.	Sales Manager

## Finance Committee Report

### Introductory:

The following history of our tax rate is a proper background to any consideration of the Town's financial situation:

1949.....	\$33.00	1954.....	\$45.00
1950.....	36.00	1955.....	47.00
1951.....	36.00	1956.....	50.00
1952.....	39.00	1957.....	52.00
1953.....	42.00	1958.....	55.00
		1959.....	?

During the past decade the rate has risen 67% and the reasons are clear. Our Town is a pleasant, well-located place in which to live, and the increasing population has generated demands for additional facilities which have been provided — principally water and schools. Since 1949, the extension of our water lines has cost approximately \$500,000 and our new local school facilities have cost \$1,665,000. As a result, bonded debt and our liability in the Regional School debt at the end of 1958 compared with 1949 was as follows:

	1958	1949
Water Bonds and Notes	\$195,000	\$46,000
Local School Bonds and Notes	918,000	330,000
Regional School Bonds (Our Share)	568,000	
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	\$1,681,000	\$376,000

Now, while a large sum of money has been expended on new facilities, we hasten to add that all were not only urgently needed but were constructed on a reasonable, economic basis. In the opinion of this Committee, all of the departments and committees responsible for the operation of our Town deserve a great deal of credit and are doing a good job.

The question which immediately arises is, "What of the future?" The Finance Committee has never been accustomed to crystal-ball gazing. All we can comment on are potential needs which have made their presence known. Some of the future projects involving substantial capital expenditures which readily come to mind include additional school facilities (per-

haps by 1961), a new library, additional fire protection, further extension of the water system, and sewerage facilities. Added to this would, of course, be the rising operating costs of a growing Town. As indicated by the above record of tax rate increases, growth in population and increased property valuation cannot be expected to meet these increased costs.

Against this background, it becomes clear that we must continue to consider every expenditure carefully and from a sound business point of view.

### 1959 Budget:

Having just concluded our 1959 budget discussions with the several departments and committees of the Town, we could not help being impressed by the significant proportion of the tax dollar required for educational costs as compared with the amount required for all of our other operations. This is clearly shown by the following breakdown of the normal operating expenses of the Town:

	1958	1959	Increase or (Decrease)	
			\$	%
Schools				
Local:				
Operating Budget	\$518,149	\$522,867	\$4,718	0.9
Debt Amortization	114,532	112,622	(1,910)	(1.7)
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	\$632,681	\$635,489	\$2,808	0.4
Regional:				
Operating Budget	\$16,338	\$99,326	\$82,988	507.9
Debt Amortization	—	79,915	79,915	—
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	\$16,338	\$179,241	\$162,903	997.1
Total Schools	\$649,019	\$814,730	\$165,711	25.5
Other Departments of Town	255,380	280,935	25,555	10.0
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<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
(Article 5)	\$904,399	\$1,095,665	\$191,266	21.1%

The 1959 school budget includes for the first time the operation of the new Regional High School, which will open in September 1959. At that time, also, the ninth grade will be transferred from Memorial School to the Regional School. The opening of the Regional High School will reduce the tuition costs we have been paying to the city of Springfield, but the

full effect of this savings will not be gained until all high school students are in attendance at the Regional School — September 1960. The purpose of presenting the above tabulation is not only that you might be fully informed as to the cost of operating our schools, but to enable you to appreciate the scope of the "business" which our School Committee men and women administer as a civic service. Their excellent record is a credit to them.

Undoubtedly the most difficult item of expense for the School Committee to administer is the salary item. As mentioned in last year's Finance Committee report, the Town has consistently acted in accordance with the School Committee recommendations over the years to bring our salary schedule into line with surrounding communities. Over the 1950-58 period, starting salaries for teachers holding a B.A. degree have increased 61%. Our present schedules are competitive and we reaffirm the opinion expressed last year that "further changes in teachers' salaries should reflect the general conditions affecting the economy as a whole." In September 1959 the teachers will receive their contractual annual increment of \$200. In addition, a \$400 across-the-board increase for all teachers has been recommended by the School Committee. This recommendation is now being studied by the Finance Committee.

#### *Conclusion:*

The total cost of town operations for the year 1959 will be about \$1,315,000 (which is the sum of all recommended articles in the warrant). As this represents the largest budget in the history of the Town, we would, in closing, urge each taxpayer to consider every item of expense to come before the Town Meeting very carefully and from a sound business viewpoint.

FREDERICK M. COHN, *Chairman*  
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## Comparative Annual Expenditures of Town Appropriations

DEPARTMENTAL	1958	1958	1958	1958	1957	1956	1955
	Appropriations or Transfer from Reserve	Expenditures of Town Appro.	Expenditures of Town Appro.	Unexpended Balance	Expenditures of Town Appro.	Expenditures of Town Appro.	Expenditures of Town Appro.
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>							
Town Officers' and Employees' Salaries	\$28,535.00	\$28,418.53	\$116.47	\$24,898.09	\$20,103.03	\$19,160.50	
Assessors' Expense Account	750.00	573.84	176.16	567.14	3,377.46	3,195.50	
Town Collector's Expense Account	854.30	854.30	0.00	801.08	1,171.99	899.98	
Town Clerk's Expense Account	235.28	235.28	0.00	171.89	877.96	652.94	
Town Treasurer's Expense Account	400.00	358.92	41.08	296.92	736.80	353.54	
Selectmen's Contingency	1,500.00	899.28	600.72	1,040.16	2,141.83	1,072.44	
State Audit	1,004.39	0.00	0.00	987.12	1,278.51	1,087.62	
Legal	1,000.00	230.65	769.35	261.50	325.00	1,460.95	
Election Expense	2,500.00	1,946.19	553.81	517.63	2,359.77	428.80	
Town Offices and Buildings' Maintenance	5,628.07	5,628.07	0.00	4,220.02	3,479.94	4,752.97	
Planning Board	500.00	277.46	222.54	212.86	348.42	289.66	
Registrars' Expense Account	200.00	128.77	76.23	67.12	598.26	131.86	
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:</b>							
Police	20,000.00	19,893.97	106.03	16,428.41	11,897.38	10,432.21	
Police Cruiser	2,400.00	2,248.00	152.00	0.00	0.00	2,049.46	
Fire Department	15,200.00	14,499.83	700.17	14,446.78	11,862.94	9,154.61	
Pest Control	2,000.00	507.40	1,492.60	1,388.80	1,700.00	3,998.25	
Dead Wood (Dutch Elm Disease Control)	3,500.00	3,407.00	93.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	
Tree Warden	2,191.00	2,191.00	0.00	909.00	1,185.50	984.95	
Forest Warden	900.00	856.65	43.35	790.00	695.88	733.96	
Building Inspector	1,811.90	1,811.90	0.00	1,800.00	1,390.00	1,215.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	275.00	275.00	0.00	275.00	275.00	275.00	
Dog Officer	75.00	75.00	0.00	174.00	174.00	174.00	
Civil Defense	2,400.00	1,727.43	672.57	4,421.27	4,956.67	3,068.20	
Fire Station (Architect's Fees)	1,000.00	600.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION:</b>							
T. B. Hospital	854.35	854.35	0.00	636.28	2,357.26	836.02	
Well-Child Clinic	35.00	35.00	0.00	558.00	740.10	647.71	
Dental Clinic	1,050.00	1,029.43	20.57	1,028.85	1,028.85	1,008.70	

Animal Inspector	65.00	65.00	0.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
Slaughtering Inspector	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	25.00	25.00
Garbage	5,000.00	4,808.20	191.80	4,506.00	4,370.50	4,365.00
Mosquito Control	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	1,694.00	2,250.00	0.00
Health Inspector	660.00	660.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Board of Health	7,083.57	3,054.51	4,029.06	3,710.00	1,559.42	1,603.35
 <b>HIGHWAYS:</b>						
Miscellaneous	29,242.90	29,207.36	35.54	22,808.25	15,275.67	12,130.68
Chapter 81	23,800.00	23,799.28	.72	22,949.98	24,031.51	19,318.27
Chapter 90 — Maintenance	3,750.00	3,749.98	.02	2,999.84	4,653.44	1,345.62
Chapter 90 — Construction	44,805.68	44,804.01	1.67	15,773.39	29,019.83	56,009.49
Street Lights	5,500.00	5,152.92	347.08	3,992.18	4,176.45	3,834.44
Road Machinery Operating Account	5,020.25	5,020.25	0.00	3,992.82	3,916.78	3,223.66
Snow Plow	600.00	592.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Truck	4,700.00	4,564.72	135.58	5,189.63	0.00	0.00
New Building	10,000.00	9,992.38	.762	0.00	0.00	0.00
 <b>CHARITIES:</b>						
General Relief	7,585.21	7,585.21	0.00	3,343.81	3,511.94	6,203.21
Old Age Assistance	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	21,000.00	17,067.55	12,999.95
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	996.60	1,406.86
Aid to Disabled	7,000.00	5,128.74	1,871.26	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,130.50
 <b>VETERANS' BENEFITS</b>						
SCHOOLS:	4,520.45	3,705.06	815.39	3,124.17	1,375.83	4,159.81
General Expenses	518,149.00	517,664.47	484.53	436,944.15	358,898.06	286,640.57
Regional School	16,338.56	16,338.56	0.00	7,286.57	0.00	0.00
Community Program	5,280.00	5,277.65	2.35	4,751.77	3,997.78	3,499.42
New Buildings	230,955.56	150,511.66	80,443.90	246,937.70	230,817.00	0.00
 <b>LIBRARY:</b>						
Salaries	(7,122.57					
Other Expenses	6,014.43)	12,960.22	176.78	9,845.78	8,131.44	7,217.98
 <b>RECREATION:</b>						
State Parks	2,415.17	2,415.17	0.00	1,843.01	628.94	676.00
Parks	2,060.00	244.90	1,815.10	368.60	350.00	350.00
Playgrounds	4,400.00	4,195.05	204.95	3,064.96	3,118.69	2,579.75
Independence Day	73.40	73.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## COMPARATIVE ANNUAL EXPENDITURES OF TOWN APPROPRIATIONS (Continued)

	1958 Appropriations or Transfer from Reserve	1958 Expenditures of Town Appro.	1958 Unexpended Balance	1957 Expenditures of Town Appro.	1956 Expenditures of Town Appro.	1955 Expenditures of Town Appro.
PENSIONS:						
Hampden County Retirement	7,457.35	7,457.35	0.00	5,411.66	4,773.99	5,137.09
UNCLASSIFIED:						
Town Reports	2,200.00	2,176.00	23.40	2,273.00	1,782.82	1,618.95
Memorial Day	176.60	176.60	0.00	240.78	304.47	235.01
Aid to Agriculture	100.00	100.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	125.00
Insurance and Bonding	5,671.85	5,671.85	0.00	4,956.53	2,867.70	2,104.74
Bi-Centennial Committee	200.00	105.70	94.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assessors' and Planning Board Map	4,500.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE						
WATER DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE	23,848.10	23,848.10	0.00	18,480.12	17,878.60	19,724.98
WATER DEPARTMENT INSTALLATIONS	15,000.00	11,858.96	3,141.04	13,653.65	12,089.72	9,542.56
CONSTRUCTION — WATER MAINS	140,974.01	131,202.39	9,771.62	70,197.17	0.00	0.00
CHLORINATING EQUIPMENT	3,000.00	2,565.61	434.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
CEMETERIES						
MAINTENANCE	1,800.00	1,791.93	8.07	1,398.33	1,482.30	1,655.75
PURCHASE OF LAND	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST						
SCHOOLS	19,905.00	19,905.00	0.00	17,667.50	11,532.50	10,565.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE ON ANTICIPATION LOAN	3,075.00	3,075.00	0.00	4,812.00	8,075.00	10,246.00
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS						
SCHOOL	94,627.50	94,627.50	0.00	73,000.00	38,000.00	38,000.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	17,500.00	20,500.00	6,500.00
AGENCY TRUST INVESTMENT						
COUNTY TAX	11,773.65	11,773.65	0.00	10,193.72	9,531.16	7,971.00
TRANSFERS						
STABILIZATION FUND	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	37,000.00	0.00



## **TOWN WARRANT**

### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS HAMPDEN, ss.**

*To any of the Constables of the Town of Wilbraham in the County of Hampden:*

#### **GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham, qualified to vote in elections of Town Officers, to meet in Wilbraham Memorial School in said Town on Saturday, the seventh day of March, A.D., 1959, at 8:30 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election of officers of said Town, for the following officers, to wit:

To choose a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, a Town Collector, a Tree Warden and an Auditor for the ensuing year; one Selectman for three years who shall be a member of the Board of Public Welfare and Board of Health; one Assessor for three years; one Water Commissioner for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; one Library Trustee for three years; one School Committee Member for three years; two Members of the Regional School Committee for three years; one Member of the Planning Board for five years. The polls shall open at 8:30 a. m. and shall close at 6:30 p. m.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Wilbraham, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in Wilbraham Memorial School in said Town on Saturday, the fourteenth day of March, A.D., 1959, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles; viz:

ARTICLE 1. To choose one Poundkeeper; two Measurers of Wood and Charcoal; two Surveyors of Lumber; three Field Drivers; two Weighers of Grain — all for the term of one year.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on reports of the Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare, Treasurer and other officers or committees.

ARTICLE 3. To fix the compensation of all elected Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. Recommend that compensation for elected Town Officers be fixed as follows: Town Clerk, \$1,450.00 per year (all fees to revert to the Town Treasury); Town Treasurer, \$1,450.00 per year; Moderator, \$50.00 Annual Town Meetings, \$15.00 Special Town Meetings; Town Collector, \$2,900.00 per year (all fees to revert to the Town Treasury); Tree Warden, \$1.50 per hour (includes use of car); Selectmen, 2 members \$600.00 per year, Chairman \$650.00; Assessors, \$1.50 per hour (includes use of car when needed); Constables, \$1.50 per hour when called on duty by Selectmen, plus fees; Auditor, \$200.00 per year; School Committee, no salary; Cemetery Commissioners, no salary, \$1.50 per hour for time spent at work; Water Commissioners, \$150.00 per year; Library Trustees, no salary; Planning Board Members, no salary; Poundkeeper, Field Drivers, Weighers of Grain, Surveyors of Lumber, Measurers of Wood and Charcoal (all Town Officers elected otherwise than by official ballot) fees only as fixed by General Laws.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1959, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 4. Recommend.

ARTICLE 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the Town for the ensuing year and appropriate the same and vote how the same shall be raised.

ARTICLE 5.	1958 Appropriation	1958 Expended	1959 Recommended
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT —</b>			
(% of Total)	(6.35)	(6.19)	(5.54)
Aid to Agriculture	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Assessors' Expense Account	750.00	573.84	750.00
Election Expense	2,500.00	1,946.19	1,000.00
Insurance and Bonding	5,500.00	5,671.85	6,700.00
Interest	50.00	111.89	50.00
Legal	1,000.00	230.65	1,000.00
Planning Board Expense	500.00	277.46	500.00

Printing Town Reports	2,200.00	2,176.60	2,500.00
Registrar's Expense	200.00	123.77	150.00
Selectmen's Contingency Account	1,500.00	899.28	1,500.00
Town Clerk's Expense Account	200.00	235.28	200.00
Town Collector's Expense Account	800.00	854.30	1,000.00
Town Officers' and Employees' Salaries	29,000.00	28,883.53	31,500.00
Town Office and Buildings Maintenance	5,000.00	5,628.07	5,000.00
Town Treasurer's Expense Account	400.00	358.92	400.00
Town Treasurer's Expense Account — Land Court	250.00		250.00
Wilbraham Contributory Retirement Account — Town's Portion	7,457.35	7,457.35	8,137.64
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$57,407.35</b>	<b>\$55,528.98</b>	<b>\$60,737.64</b>
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY — (% of Total)</b>			
Board of Health	(6.11)	(5.47)	(4.71)
Building Inspector's Expense Account	\$7,500.00	\$3,470.94	\$6,000.00
Civil Defense	100.00		100.00
Dead Wood — Chapter 761	2,400.00	1,727.43	1,700.00
Dental Clinic	2,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Fire Department	1,050.00	1,029.43	1,050.00
Forest Warden	15,200.00	14,452.09	14,760.00
Mosquito Control	900.00	856.65	900.00
Pest Control	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,200.00
Police	2,000.00	507.40	1,000.00
Tree Warden's Expense Account	20,000.00	19,893.97	18,800.00
	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
<b>Total Protection of Persons and Property</b>	<b>\$55,250.00</b>	<b>\$49,037.91</b>	<b>\$51,610.00</b>
<b>TOWN SERVICES — (% of Total)</b>			
Cemeteries	(8.20)	(8.59)	(7.45)
Highways — Miscellaneous	\$1,800.00	\$1,791.93	\$2,500.00
Library	27,200.00	29,164.46	33,735.00
Road Machinery Operating Expense	11,656.86	11,980.08	12,875.92
Street Lights	4,400.00	5,025.00	5,200.00
Water Department — Maintenance	5,500.00	5,152.92	6,000.00
	23,600.00	23,848.10	21,350.00
<b>Total Town Services</b>	<b>\$74,156.86</b>	<b>\$76,962.49</b>	<b>\$81,660.92</b>
<b>PUBLIC WELFARE — (% of Total)</b>			
Aid Dependent Children	(4.26)	(4.28)	(3.42)
Aid to Disabled	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
General Relief	7,000.00	5,128.74	6,000.00
Old Age Assistance	5,000.00	7,585.21	7,500.00
Veterans' Benefits	21,000.00	21,000.00	19,000.00
	4,500.00	3,684.61	4,500.00
<b>Total Public Welfare</b>	<b>\$38,500.00</b>	<b>\$38,398.56</b>	<b>\$37,500.00</b>
<b>SCHOOLS — (% of Total)</b>			
Local	(59.10)	(59.56)	(64.08)
Regional — Hampden-Wilbraham	\$518,149.00	\$517,664.47	\$522,867.00
	16,338.56	16,338.56	179,240.70
<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>\$534,487.56</b>	<b>\$534,003.03</b>	<b>\$702,107.70</b>
<b>RECREATION — (% of Total)</b>			
Community Program — Schools	(1.33)	(1.11)	(.98)
Memorial Day	\$5,280.00	\$5,277.65	\$6,000.00
Parks	250.00	250.00	125.00
Playgrounds	2,060.00	244.90	750.00
	4,400.00	4,195.05	3,757.00
<b>Total Recreation</b>	<b>\$11,990.00</b>	<b>\$9,967.60</b>	<b>\$10,632.00</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE — Schools — (% of Total)</b>			
School Bonds and Interest (1949)	(12.66)	(12.78)	(10.28)
School Bonds and Interest (1953)	\$21,255.00	\$21,255.00	\$20,940.00
School Bonds and Interest (1956)	25,225.00	25,225.00	24,845.00
	37,327.50	37,327.50	36,662.00

School Bonds and Interest (1957)	30,725.00	30,725.00	30,175.00
Total	\$114,532.50	\$114,532.50	\$112,622.00
Water — (% of Total)	(1.99)	(2.02)	(3.54)
Water Bonds and Interest (1955)	\$6,837.50	\$6,837.50	\$6,732.50
Water Notes and Interest (1953)	11,237.50	11,237.50	11,012.50
Water Notes and Interest (1958)			21,050.00
Total	\$18,075.00	\$18,075.00	\$38,795.00
Total Debt Service	\$132,607.50	\$132,607.50	\$151,417.00

**GRAND TOTAL**

\$904,399.27 \$896,506.07 \$1,095,665.26

**ARTICLE 6.** To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Tax of 1958.

**ARTICLE 6.** Recommend \$1,039.08 be added to Library Appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,700.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highway work, and that in addition the sum of \$15,950.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7.** Recommend.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that in addition the sum of \$3,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 8.** Recommend.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, and that in addition the sum of \$15,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work; the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9.** Recommend.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private way now known as Cone Trail as shown on sub-division plan drawn by Cobb, Beesley and Miles, Engineers, dated October 2, 1950, beginning at Ridge Road and running southeasterly from Ridge Road to Ely Road for a distance of 550 feet more or less, and that the sum of \$2,607.00 or any other sum, be raised and appropriated for construction of said Cone Trail, and that betterment assessments be levied in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private way now known as Railroad Avenue as shown on a plan drawn by C. E. Anderson, Engineer dated April 1954, beginning at Boston Road and running northerly for a distance of 240 feet more or less, and that the sum of \$547.00 or any other sum be raised and appropriated for construction of said Railroad Avenue, and that betterment assessments be levied in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 11. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private way now known as Oakland Street as shown on sub-division plan drawn by Smith and Wallen, Engineering Co., Inc. dated February 1958, beginning at Main Street and running westerly for a distance of 2640 feet more or less.

**ARTICLE 12. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private way now known as Brookside Circle as shown on sub-division plan drawn by Durkee, White and Towne and E. N. Chapdelaine, Engineers, dated August 1957, beginning at Brookside Drive and running southerly for a distance of 1965 feet more or less.

**ARTICLE 13. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private way now known as Brookside Drive as shown on plan of "Colonial Acres" drawn by Merrill & Sears, Engineers, dated May 10, 1955, beginning at the now accepted portion of Brookside Drive and running southerly for a distance of 760 feet more or less.

**ARTICLE 14. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private way now known as Birch Street as shown on sub-division plan drawn by C. E. Anderson Associates, Engineers "Revised Plan of Lots — B Section," dated July 1954, beginning at Decorie Drive and running southerly for a distance of 300 feet more or less, and that the sum of \$684.00 or any other sum be raised and appropriated for construction of said Birch Street, and that betterment assessments be levied in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 15. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private way now known as Cliffside Drive, beginning at the intersection of Main Street and running southeasterly for a distance of 800 feet more or less, and that the sum of \$1,824.00 or any other sum be raised and appropriated for construction of said Cliffside Drive, and that betterment assessments be levied in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 16. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private way now known as Vista Road, beginning at Main Street and running easterly for a distance of 400 feet more or less, and that the sum of \$912.00 or any other sum be raised and appropriated for construction of said Vista Road, and that betterment assessments be levied in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 17. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the private way now known as Hickory Hill Drive, as shown on sub-division plan drawn by Durkee, White and Towne, Engineers, dated March 1956, beginning at Stony Hill Road and running easterly for a distance of 660 feet more or less.

**ARTICLE 18. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 or any other sum, to lower the overflow south of Williamson's Pond on South Main Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 19. Will make recommendation at Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$700.00 or any other sum to purchase Lawn Mowing Equipment for use of the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 20. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$1,000.00 or any other sum, to purchase Traffic Line Painting Equipment for the use of the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 21. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$2,400.00 or any other sum, to purchase a Sand Spreader for use of the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 22. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Road Machinery Fund the sum of \$800.00 or any other sum to purchase three (3) Short Wave Communication Units for use of the Highway Department Trucks, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 23. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$15,300.00 or any other sum to be spent by the Water Department for additional household and business installations for water service, the cost of which is to be collected by the Town from the individuals or concerns requesting installations, and which is returned to surplus funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 24. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,300.00 or any other sum to replace the 1½ inch water main with a 6 inch water main on the now accepted portion of Pomeroy Street running easterly from Ripley Street for a distance of 660 feet more or less, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 25. Recommend.**

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 42G, 42H and 42I, whereby the Town may levy special assessments to meet the whole or part of the cost of laying pipes in public and private ways for the conveyance or distribution of water to its inhabitants.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will, at regular or special Town Meetings, as a matter of future policy, consider and vote to approve or reject extensions of the Town water mains only on the basis of the following regulations: —

1. On Private Property — Only subject to the approval of the Water Board and without expense to the Town.
2. In Sub-Divisions — Only subject to the approval of the Planning Board and the Water Board and without expense to the Town.
3. On Accepted Streets — Only subject to the following provisions:
  - A. If owners of 75% of the abutting lineal footage of property on both sides of the street, not including any property owned by the Town, sign an application for the extension, approval would be subject to the assessment of a betterment charge of  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the total cost against owners of property on one side of the street and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the total cost against owners of property on the other side of the street. In both cases, cost to be allocated on a per front foot basis and any footage owned by the Town shall be included as part of the total footage in arriving at the per foot cost. Balance of the total cost to be borne by the Town.
  - B. If any owner, or owners, of less than 75% of the abutting lineal footage of property on both sides of the street, not including any property owned by the Town, request an extension of the water main, approval would be subject to the assessment of a betterment charge of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the total cost against such owner or owners on any basis of sharing such cost as they may agree upon among themselves. The remaining  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the cost shall be borne by the Town.

Any abutter who does not share in the original cost

may, within 5 years, tie in to the main only upon payment to the Town Treasurer of a fee equal to the amount he would have paid if Section "A" had been originally in effect, such fee to be turned over on a pro rata basis to the one or ones who paid the original  $\frac{2}{3}$  cost upon written application for same within the 5 year period.

- C. It shall be understood that betterments outlined under 3A and 3B shall be based on the laying of 8 inch pipe. If it is decided that, for any reason, larger pipe should be used and the Town so votes, then the difference between the cost of 8 inch pipe and the cost of the larger pipe shall be borne by the Town.
- D. It shall be understood that actual water installations shall be made at the prevailing rate set by the Water Board.

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 or any other sum for the preparation and publishing of a history of the Town in 1963, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 28. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$5,000.00 or any other sum, to pay the garbage collector, with receipts from garbage collection subscribers to be restored as received by the Town Collector to unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 29. Recommend.**

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, to be used for the construction of a sanitary sewer under and across the Boston Post Road, in the vicinity of the Springfield line, thence on Dudley Street, under and across the Boston & Albany Railroad to Walter Street, to discharge into the existing sanitary sewer located on Weston Street; together with the necessary pumping station, pressure sewer, related appurtenances and to acquire by purchase, gift, or take by eminent domain, land or easement necessary therefor; said sewerage construction to be carried out and expenditure of money under this Article to be made only after the Friendly

Ice Cream Corporation of West Springfield, Mass., guarantees to the Town the development of their land with a planned milk product and meat processing plant and will agree to the use of the said sewer system in accordance with terms approved by and required by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 30. Will make recommendation at Town Meeting.**

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows: Delete paragraph 2, Section 4 and substitute the following; The taking of boarders or the leasing of rooms, not to exceed four (4) by a resident family provided there is no display visible from the street nor sign-board used to advertise such use, except an announcement sign having an area of not more than one hundred forty-four (144) square inches. Any illumination provided for the above-mentioned sign shall be steady, and not intermittent while in use.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows: Delete paragraph 2, Section 13 and substitute the following; Not more than three (3) motor vehicles shall be kept on the premises, all of which shall be of a non-commercial passenger type. This limitation shall not apply to farming equipment used on the premises, and shall not be constituted to prohibit the type of vehicle commonly known as a station wagon. The purpose of this paragraph is to prohibit the housing of commercial vehicles upon premises in residential districts, and the keeping of any such vehicle upon such premises, either under cover of housing provided therefor or upon land open to the weather, shall constitute a violation hereto whether or not such use existed prior to the adoption of the provisions hereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows: Delete paragraph 3, Section 4 and substitute the following; Churches, public schools, public libraries, public museums, parish houses, philanthropic institutions.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows: Delete paragraph 5, Section 20 and substitute the following; The Board of Appeals may, in its discretion, following a public hearing, due notice having been given in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Enabling Act, Chapter 40A of the General Laws and subject to appropriate

conditions and safeguards, grant special permits for any of the following:

- (a) The maintaining of more than three (3) motor vehicles or commercial vehicles or equipment in a residence district.
- (b) Private schools, hospitals, sanatoriums, convalescent or nursing homes and rest homes not for contagious diseases, nor for the care of epileptic or drug or liquor patients, nor for correctional purposes, nor for the care of the insane or feeble minded.
- (c) The taking of more than four (4) boarders in a residential district.

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows: Delete paragraph 2, Section 14 and substitute the following; This By-Law shall not apply to buildings or structures, nor the use of any building or structure or land which existed lawfully prior to the adoption of this By-Law or any applicable amendment thereto, but this By-Law or any amendment thereto shall apply to any change of use and any alteration of a building or structure when the same would amount to reconstruction, extension or structural change, and to any alteration of a building or structure to provide for its use for a purpose or in a manner substantially different from the use to which it was put before alteration, to a substantially greater extent.

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a fire station at Wilbraham Center, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 36. Will make recommendation at Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 or any other sum to be expended by the Library Trustees for the services of an architect and a library consultant to prepare plans and specifications for new library facilities, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 37. Will make recommendation at Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 or any other sum for a Reserve Fund to be transferred from the Overlay Surplus Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 38. Recommend.**

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of increasing the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 39. Recommend \$35,000.00 be transferred from available funds and \$10,000.00 be raised from taxation.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 or any other sum to be expended under the joint supervision of the Planning Board and the Board of Assessors for the preparation of maps and plans for the use of said Planning Board and Board of Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 40. Recommend.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town 14 days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under tax title procedure, provided that the Selectmen, or whomsoever they authorize to hold such public auction, may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to institute or defend suits and employ counsel for the purpose of protecting the interests of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 43. To transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office at North Wilbraham, one at the Post Office at Wilbraham, and one at Glendale Church, seven days at least, before the time for holding said election and meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time for holding said election and meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine.

SELECTMEN OF WILBRAHAM

JESSE L. RICE, *Chairman*

RICHARD L. DANFORTH

ROGER T. HINTZE



**Financial Statements**

**and**

**Ledger Accounts**

**1958**

## Town of Willbraham

**BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1958**

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

## Assets

General	\$418,175.85	Guarantee Deposits: Water	\$153.00
Advance for Petty: (Town Collector)	39.00	Agency: County — Dog Licenses Excess — Sale of Lands of Low Value County — Health Reimbursement	1.75 73.95 400.00
accounts Receivable:			475.70
Taxes:			75.19
Levy of 1957:			
Personal Property	\$10,40	Tailings	
Real Estate	3,014.95	Trust Fund Income: Hines Family Burial Lot Fund	
	3,025.35	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$18.86 29.07
Levy of 1958:		Old Age Assistance Recoveries	
Polls	\$20.00	Federal Grants: Disability Assistance: Administration	\$548.73
Personal Property	1,163.06	Assistance	1,714.00
Real Estate	36,471.46	Aid to Dependent Children: Administration	
	37,654.52	Aid	488.98
Motor Vehicles and Trailer Excise:		Old Age Assistance: Administration	3,501.15
Levy of 1956	\$35.39		1,679.22
Levy of 1957	245.63		3,641.00
Levy of 1958	7,781.99		
Farm Animal Excise: Levy of 1958	13.13	School Aid — Public Law 874	13,130.75
Special Assessments: Street Betterments: Unappropriated	\$81.91	School Launch Program	1,705.45

Appropriation Balances:	
Revenue:	\$28,296.74
General	
Non-Revenue:	
School Construction 1957	80,443.90
Water Mains	9,616.90
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Overestimates 1958: State Recreation Area	118,357.54
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Tax Titles	27.41
Departmental:	5,428.95
Selectmen's Licenses	\$149.75
Garbage Collection	166.00
Aid to Dependent Children	255.25
Old Age Assistance	609.72
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Water:	1,175.45
Rates	\$2,305.40
Miscellaneous	258.53
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Aid to Highways:	2,563.93
State	\$25,557.80
County	11,700.00
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Underestimates 1958:	37,257.80
County Tax	\$574.15
County Tuberculosis Hospital	458.27
Assessment	
Dog Officer Fees: Due from County	1,032.42
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	65.00
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	\$510,465.87
DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS	
Appportioned Assessments Not Due:	
Street	\$3,301.45
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Appportioned Street Assessment Revenue:	
Due 1959-1977	\$3,301.45
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	\$510,465.87

Town of Wilbraham

**BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31 1958 (Continued)**

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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Treasurer	
In Custody of Trustees	
In Custody of Treasurer:	
Chloe B. Stebbins Charity Fund	\$271.61
Deacon Warriner School Fund	1,018.47
School Lot Fund	1,058.83
Chloe B. Stebbins Library Fund	152.33
Abner E. Bell Library Fund	60.73
Henry Cutler Library Fund	1,132.71
Mortimer L. Day Library Fund	201.74
Civil War Mortar Memorial Plaque Fund	46.81
Ethelbert Bliss Cemetery General Care Fund	1,301.27
Laura Bruuer Cemetery General Care Fund	1,498.46
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	11,030.76
Soldiers' Monument Park Fund	1,000.00
Stabilization Fund	137,048.80

In Custody of Probate Court:  
Hines Family Burial Lot Fund

## Town Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand January 1, 1958		\$612,292.21
Taxes: 1956 Real Estate	\$1,396.25	
1957 Real Estate	27,440.58	
1958 Real Estate	525,477.59	
1957 Poll	2.00	
1958 Poll	3,534.00	
1956 Excise	136.07	
1957 Excise	17,565.83	
1958 Excise	112,233.44	
1957 Personal	1,744.50	
1958 Personal	34,472.86	
1958 Farm Animal Excise	190.13	
Interest: 1956	92.82	
1957	531.84	
1958	106.55	
1958 — Committed	196.07	
1958 — On Betterments	5.61	
Building Permits	1,665.00	
Water: Rates	45,225.96	
Deposits on Installations	7,692.00	
Miscellaneous	1,730.40	
Licenses: Dogs	1,325.50	
Milk Inspector's	50.00	
Town — Accounts Receivable		
committed to Collector	10,367.78	
Town — Cash Receipts by Selectmen	16.75	
Town — Police	190.00	
Town Clerk's Fees — Dogs	158.50	
Sporting	168.50	
Miscellaneous	842.05	
Town Collector's Fees	360.51	
Payroll Deductions: Federal Taxes	51,703.36	
County Retirement	6,502.94	
Road Machinery Earnings	5,148.75	
Insurance	3.86	
School Lunches — Sale of Lunches	34,341.58	
State and Federal Reimbursement	12,358.56	
Garbage Collection	5,286.00	
County: Dog Refund	980.14	
Dog Officer's Fees	19.50	
Court Fines	1,270.40	
House of Correction	5.00	
Highways	5,999.90	
Library: Building Rental	960.00	
Fines and Telephone	47.92	
School: Auditorium Rental	1,572.00	
Miscellaneous	223.70	
Planning Board — Sub-Division Fees	125.00	
Board of Appeals — Fees	25.00	
Hines Burial Lot Income	6.62	
Bliss Family Burial Lot Income	95.50	
Accounts Receivable — Public Welfare	1,857.26	
Aid Dependent Children	1,161.74	

Aid to Disabled	2,832.58
Old Age Assistance	16,262.10
Veterans' Benefits	1,014.03
Federal Grants — Old Age Assistance	15,922.29
Old Age Assistance Administration	1,432.47
Aid Dependent Children	1,951.84
Aid Dependent Children Administration	154.87
Disability Assistance	1,531.77
Disability Assistance Administration	81.26
School Aid	7,037.70
Commonwealth of Mass. — Highways	25,301.99
Income Tax	28,710.35
Corporation Tax	25,172.55
Chapter 645 — School Aid	64,530.81
Chapter 70 — School Aid	48,624.00
Vocational Education	4,929.94
School Transportation	42,839.04
Division of Child Guardianship	1,610.56
Loss of Taxes	379.57
Meals Tax (OAA)	996.37
Director of Standards	24.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	128.90
Tax Anticipation Loan	99,866.03
Street Betterments	2,131.84
Unapportioned Street Betterments	1,007.54
Apportioned Street Betterments	539.02
Dissolving Liens	52.00
Tax Possessions	1,445.00
Tax Title Redemption	1,166.21
Refunds: City of Springfield — Tuition	506.00
General Relief	504.19
Old Age Assistance	4,866.88
Library	2.00
Insurance — Workmen's Compensation	77.04
Town Collector's Bond	91.00
Board of Health	2,400.14
Excise Tax	90.63
Water Mains Loan	60,000.00
Reimbursements:	
School — Summer School Tuition	10.00
Damage to Hydrant	103.61
Damage to Town Office Light	30.00
Stearns and Westcott	10.00
Mortimer Day Trust Fund	15.00
Interest — Soldiers' Monument Trust Fund	396.45
Interest on Investments	1,570.00
Interest on Deposits:	
Wilbraham Branch Ludlow Savings	711.83
Springfield Institution for Savings	526.44
Monson Savings	2,533.78
	1,396,735.44
Payments per Warrants	\$2,009,027.65
	1,590,851.80
Cash Balance January 1, 1959	\$418,175.85

## Treasurer's Trust Fund Report

CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL, \$46.81. SCHOOLS: (total, \$2,077.30) Deacon Warriner, \$1,018.47; School Lot, \$1,058.83. LIBRARY: (total, \$1,547.51) Abner E. Bell, \$60.73; Henry Cutler, \$560.38; Mortimer Day, \$201.74; Chloe Bliss Stebbins, \$152.33; Henry Cutler, \$572.33. SOLDIERS' MONUMENT PARK, \$1,000.00. CHARITIES: Chloe Bliss Stebbins, \$271.66.

CEMETERIES: (total, \$12,830.45) G. Frank Adams, \$552.96; Charles L. Amadon, \$203.93; John W. Baldwin, \$249.91; John W. Baldwin, \$251.81; Bishop Lot, \$208.38; Ethelbert Bliss Family Lot, 10 Shares of A. T. & T. — Dividends, \$301.27; Henry A. Bowker, \$140.72; Edward H. Brewer, \$584.05; Laura Bruuer, \$1,498.42; Albro Bryant, \$124.14; Philip and Angeline R. Butler, \$124.80; Henry C. Butler and Herbert F. Green, \$156.27; James A. Butler, \$208.54; William Butler, \$140.72; Abel B. Calkins, \$192.91; Charles M. Calkins, \$124.80; Howard Calkins, \$275.59; Emma Carson, \$70.70; Inez V. Chilson, \$141.62; Henry Clark, \$140.71; Frederick Coon, \$58.62; Evalina H. Copeland, \$124.80; Lucy M. Dane, \$125.32; Hiram Danks, \$142.08; Dasco Lot, \$258.82; J. W. Dunsmore, \$274.07; F. A. Fuller and Marshall A. Lane, \$437.51; Charles H. Gates, \$124.80; Harriet Gates, \$265.24; Blanche B. Gilbert, \$193.64; W. H. Graves, \$141.62; Benjamin B. Green, \$124.80; B. Franklin Green, \$124.80; Fred W. Green, \$124.80; Henry Green, \$134.77; Lora M. Green, \$78.45; Eliza V. Jones, \$140.71; Anna C. Kibbe, \$142.09; Abraham Knowlton, \$124.80; Charles R. Knowlton, \$140.72; George E. Knowlton, \$249.83; Etta Simmons May, \$285.83; Angeline P. Morgan, \$100.94; Charles North, \$254.94; Charles J. Parker, \$381.54; Inez M. Perry, \$124.80; Inez M. Perry, \$124.80; Ira G. Potter, \$142.07; P. P. Potter, \$129.85; William H. Read, \$285.44; Jesse L. Rice, \$288.22; Frank R. & Hattie E. Rindge, \$88.75; Spear-Butler Lot, \$259.26; Chloe B. Stebbins, \$140.72; Luther and Milton Stebbins, \$281.60; Francis E. Stebbins, \$248.66; Elizabeth B. Tupper, \$72.55; Martha E. Smith, \$71.14; Nellie Spencer, \$124.80; Allyn M. Seaver, \$200.00.

## Auditor's Report

It is my belief that the records of the Town Collector and the Town Treasurer accurately and legibly show all receipts and disbursements made by the Town of Wilbraham during the year 1958, and that the resulting balance as reported by the Town Treasurer is correct and is in agreement with all Bank statements involved.

WILLIAM T. PAYNE

## Town Clerk's Report

### VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS — 98 (54 Males, 44 Females, — 2 Sets of Twins)

Recordings not complete for 1958 as Springfield reports have been received only through the month of August as of this printing.

MARRIAGES — 51

DEATHS — 54 (33 Males, 21 Females)

Our oldest resident, Mrs. Lucy Munson, holder of the Gold Headed Cane, died on January 20, 1959.

The Board of Selectmen will, according to tradition, award this cane to the oldest living citizen of Wilbraham at the Annual Town Meeting.

LICENSES

Dogs — 322 Males	@	\$2.00	\$644.00
54 Females		5.00	270.00
255 Spayed Females		2.00	510.00
3 Kennel (1, \$10; 2, \$25)			60.00

Paid to Treasurer of Hampden County \$1,484.00

Fees retained and paid to Town Treasury 158.50

Refund from County to be added to Library Appropriation \$1,039.08

FISH AND GAME — Fishing Licenses	396	
Hunting Licenses	132	
Sporting Licenses	143	
(Free) Sporting Licenses	24	
Trapping License	1	
Duplicate Licenses	7	
	703	
Total receipts for licenses issued		\$2,342.50
Fees retained and paid to Town Treasury		168.00

Paid to Division of Fisheries and Game \$2,174.50

CLASSIFIED RECEIPTS

Mortgages Recorded	196	\$500.30
Marriages	46	92.00
Copies of Records	131	131.00
Pole Locations	22	99.00
Miscellaneous		26.00
		\$848.30
Paid to Town Treasury		

DORIS G. COCHRAN, Town Clerk

**Town Collector's Expense Account**

Appropriation	\$800.00	Expenditures:	
Transfer from Reserve	54.30	Supplies	\$288.05
		Advertising	17.51
		Tax Takings and	
		Recordings	39.00
		Outside Services	36.66
		Postage, etc.	342.38
		Dues	2.00
		Miscellaneous	128.70
	\$854.30		\$854.30

## Town Collector's Report

**Town Collector's Report (Continued)**

	Out-standing	Committed	Refunds	Paid to Treasurer	Abate	Unpaid	Tax Title	Appor-tioned	Trans. from Deposits
1958									
Rental of Gym		23.00		23.00					
Water Rate	1,521.56	45,998.76	38.20	45,225.96		27.16	2,305.40		
Garbage	30.00	5,906.00		5,286.00		484.00	166.00		
Licenses	2,348.75	8,176.28		10,367.78		7.50	149.75		
Dis. Allow.		2,832.58		2,832.58					
Vet. Ben.		1,014.03		1,014.03					
Poll		3,982.00	8.00	3,534.00		436.00	20.00		
Excise		119,758.42		3,499.12	112,324.07	7,360.69	7,779.18		
Excise Add. Com.		4,206.40							
Real Estate		568,943.65							
Real Estate Add. Com.		2,514.60							
Personal	35,761.02								
Personal Add. Com.		92.15							
Interest		106.55							
Fees		207.80							
Farm Animal Exc.		203.26							
App. St. Bett.		608.62							
Committed Int.		239.39							
Welfare		1,857.26							



# *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

## *Department of Corporations and Taxation*

### *Bureau of Accounts*

*State House, Boston 33*

ROBERT T. CAPELESS  
COMMISSIONER

HERMAN B. DINE  
DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS

To the Board of Selectmen  
Mr. Jesse L. Rice, Chairman  
Wilbraham, Massachusetts

February 16, 1959

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Wilbraham for the year ending December 31, 1958, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,  
*Herman B. Dine*  
Director of Accounts

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Mr. Herman B. Dine  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Wilbraham for the year ending December 31, 1958, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as entered on the records of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection, were examined and checked in detail.

Ledger accounts were compiled, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1958.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on December 31, 1958 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements received from the depositories, by inspection of the savings bank books, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined and checked. The deductions were listed and the payments to the proper agencies were verified.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income and transfers to the town were proved, and the balances in the several funds were verified.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were compared with the amounts falling due during the period covered by the audit and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The balance in the bond and coupon account, as shown by a statement received from the bank, was reconciled with the outstanding coupons.

The tax title and tax possession records in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed. The amounts received on account of redemptions, treasurer's sale of lands of low value, and sale of tax possessions were verified. The transfers to tax titles were checked with the collector's records, and all transactions were further verified by comparison with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked. The tax, excise, departmental, and water accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved with the warrants issued for their collection. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the recorded abatements were checked with the assessors' and other departmental records of abatements granted, and the taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified. The outstanding accounts were listed and proved, the aggregate of the outstanding accounts being furnished to the assessors and departments for recommitment to the new town collector.

Verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of deferred street assessments were examined. The payments in advance were checked with the treasurer's receipts, the apportionments and the amounts added to taxes were verified, and the apportionments due in future years were listed and proved.

The appropriations voted by the town were listed from the records of the town clerk and compared with the aggregate amount raised by the assessors in the determination of the 1958 tax rate.

The financial transactions of the town clerk were examined. The receipts from dog and sporting licenses, marriage intentions, recording fees, certified copies, and miscellaneous permits were checked. The payments to the town treasurer and the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand December 31, 1958 was proved by actual count.

The records of receipts of the selectmen and the sealer of weights and measures, as well as of the police, health, and school departments, and of all other departments collecting money for the town, were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer being verified by comparison with the treasurer's recorded receipts.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, town clerk, and town collector, required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties,

were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

On behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation for the cooperation received from all town officials while engaged in making the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

*William Schwartz*

Assistant Director of Accounts

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### Aid to Agriculture

Appropriation	\$100.00	Expenditures:	\$100.00
		1958 Assessment	

\$100.00

\$100.00

### Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	Expenditures:	
Federal Grant, 1957	3,612.65	Cash Grants	\$2,888.31
Federal Grant, 1958	1,951.84	Hospitalization	145.23
		Druggists	10.80
		Physicians	19.00
		Unexpended Balance	\$3,063.34
			3,501.15
	\$6,564.49		\$6,564.49

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### Aid to Disabled

Appropriation	\$7,000.00	Expenditures:	
Federal Grant, 1957	182.23	Hospitalization	\$1,944.60
Federal Grant, 1958	1,531.77	Cash Grants	3,079.14
		Druggists	105.00
		Unexpended Balance	\$5,128.74
			3,585.26
	\$8,714.00		\$8,714.00

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### Assessors' Expense Account

Appropriation	\$750.00	Expenditures:	
		Supplies	\$191.84
		Outside Services	322.00
		Miscellaneous	60.00
		Unexpended Balance	\$573.84
			176.16
	\$750.00		\$750.00

## Assessors' and Planning Board Map

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	Expenditures	\$2,000.00
Brought forward from 1957	2,000.00	Unexpended Balance	2,500.00
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00

## Bi-Centennial Committee

Appropriation	\$200.00	Expenditures:	\$105.70
		Supplies	94.30
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$200.00		\$200.00

## Board of Health

Appropriation	\$7,500.00	Expenditures:	\$794.64
Refund	278.57	Hospitalization	
		Rental, Services,	
		Fill (dumps)	1,099.00
		Salary, Expenses	
		(Sanitarian)	660.00
		Labor	379.90
		Forms, Printing	780.97
		Nursing Services	35.00
	<hr/>		<hr/>
			\$3,749.51
		Unexpended Balance	4,029.06
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	\$7,778.57		\$7,778.57

## Building Inspector's Expense Account

Appropriation	\$100.00	Unexpended Balance	\$100.00
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## Cemeteries

Appropriation	\$1,800.00	Expenditures:	
		Opening Graves	
		and Labor	\$1,534.13
		Loam and Trees	112.80
		Outside Services	145.00
	<hr/>		<hr/>
			\$1,791.93
		Unexpended Balance	8.07
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	\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00

## CEMETERIES (LAND PURCHASE)

Appropriation	\$600.00	Expenditures:	
		Land Purchase	\$500.00
		Survey	100.00
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$600.00		\$600.00

## Civil Defense

Appropriation	\$2,400.00	Expenditures:	
		Postage	\$4.20
		Transportation	40.36
		Equipment and Supplies	1,059.37
		Printing	413.00
		Communications	170.50
		Insurance	40.00
		Unexpended Balance	\$1,727.43
			672.57
	\$2,400.00		
			\$2,400.00

## Dead Wood — Chapter 761

Appropriation	\$3,500.00	Expenditures:	
		Outside Services	\$3,215.00
		Labor	192.00
		Unexpended Balance	\$3,407.00
			93.00
	\$3,500.00		
			\$3,500.00

## Dental Clinic

Appropriation	\$1,050.00	Expenditures:	
		Services (Dentist)	\$1,000.00
		Supplies	29.43
		Unexpended Balance	\$1,029.43
			20.57
	\$1,050.00		
			\$1,050.00

## Election Expense

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	Expenditures:	
		Ballots, Voting Lists, Forms	\$529.94
		Rentals	60.00
		Lunches	89.56
		Payrolls	1,266.69
		Unexpended Balance	\$1,946.19
			553.81
	\$2,500.00		
			\$2,500.00

## **Fire Department**

Appropriation	\$15,200.00	Expenditures:	
		Salaries and Wages	\$7,994.25
		Expense of Operation	3,382.23
		Equipment	3,123.35
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			\$14,499.83
		Unexpended Balance	700.17
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	\$15,200.00		\$15,200.00

## **NEW TRUCK**

Appropriation	\$22,000.00	Unexpended Balance	\$22,000.00
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	\$22,000.00		\$22,000.00

## **FIRE STATION PLANS**

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	Expenditures:	
		Architect's Fees	\$600.00
		Unexpended Balance	400.00
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00

## **Forest Warden**

Appropriation	\$900.00	Expenditures:	
		Supplies	\$366.65
		Transportation	
		(Fire Chief)	200.00
		Payroll	290.00
			<hr/>
			\$856.65
		Unexpended Balance	43.35
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	\$900.00		\$900.00

## **Garbage Collection**

Appropriation	\$5,000.00	Expenditures:	
		Services	\$4,790.00
		Supplies	18.20
			<hr/>
			\$4,808.20
		Unexpended Balance	191.80
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	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00

## **General Relief**

Appropriation	\$5,000.00	Expenditures:
From Reserve	2,585.21	Hospitalization \$1,077.23
		Drugs, Medical Supplies 118.90
		Food, Fuel, Rent,
		Transportation 554.53
		Physicians 228.00
		Board 1,704.02
		Cash Grants 3,034.37
		Nursing Home Care 805.01
		Other City 8.75
		Miscellaneous 4.40
		Clinic Payment 50.00
	<hr/> \$7,585.21	<hr/> \$7,585.21

## **Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District**

Appropriation	\$16,338.56	Expenditures:
		Payment to Treasurer
	<hr/> \$16,338.56	<hr/> \$16,338.56

## **Highways**

### **BUILDING**

Appropriation	\$10,000.00	Expenditures:
		Building \$9,876.90
		Supplies 69.18
		Outside Services 46.30
	<hr/> \$10,000.00	<hr/> \$9,992.38
		Unexpended Balance 7.62
	<hr/> \$10,000.00	<hr/> \$10,000.00

## **CHAPTER 81**

Appropriation	\$23,800.00	Expenditures:
		Salaries and Wages \$9,973.34
		Hired Equipment 1,826.50
		Material 8,452.34
		Signs 155.55
		Outside Services 24.00
		Town Equipment 3,367.55
	<hr/> \$23,800.00	<hr/> \$23,799.28
		Unexpended Balance .72
	<hr/> \$23,800.00	<hr/> \$23,800.00

## CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Balance January 1		Expenditures:	
Chapter 718	\$3,010.68	Wages	\$3,828.35
Balance Appro.	19,995.00	Hired Equipment	13,029.14
		Outside Services	290.00
		Material	4,202.23
		Dynamite, etc.	242.50
		Town Equipment	1,413.36
			_____
			\$23,005.58
		Unexpended Balance	.10
	_____		
	\$23,005.68		\$23,005.68

## CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$20,000.00	Expenditures:	
Available funds		Wages	\$237.70
December 5, 1958	1,800.00	Hired Equipment	3,638.76
		Material	6,459.61
		Outside Services	11,372.16
		and Material	
		Miscellaneous	5.00
		Town Equipment	85.20
			_____
			\$21,798.43
		Unexpended Balance	1.57
	_____		
	\$21,800.00		\$21,800.00

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$3,750.00	Expenditures:	
		Wages	\$824.55
		Hired Equipment	128.00
		Material	2,505.93
		Miscellaneous	5.00
		Town Equipment	286.50
			_____
			\$3,749.98
		Unexpended Balance	.02
	_____		
	\$3,750.00		\$3,750.00

## JEWELL LANE

Appropriation	\$1,435.00	Expenditures:	
		Wages	\$149.75
		Material	253.31
		Hired Equipment	46.25
			_____
			\$449.31
		Unexpended Balance	985.69
	_____		
	\$1,435.00		\$1,435.00

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Appropriation	\$27,200.00	Expenditures:	
Refund	42.90	Salaries and Wages	\$14,786.98
From Available Funds	2,000.00	Hired Equipment	3,936.13
		Material	7,525.85
		Signs	650.86
		Outside Services	470.94
		Registration Fees and Insurance	214.05
		Tools	190.35
		Supplies	877.74
		Equipment (small)	225.45
		Heater	150.00
		Fuel	158.91
		Dues	5.00
		Miscellaneous	15.10
			_____
			\$29,207.36
		Unexpended Balance	35.54
			_____
	\$29,242.90		\$29,242.90

## **SEWER ROD MACHINE**

Appropriation	\$375.00	Expenditures:	
		Equipment	\$363.20
		Unexpended Balance	11.80
			_____
	\$375.00		\$375.00

## **SHADY LANE**

Appropriation	\$1,155.00	Expenditures:	
		Wages	\$220.85
		Material	303.24
		Hired Equipment	73.44
			_____
			\$597.53
		Unexpended Balance	557.47
			_____
	\$1,155.00		\$1,155.00

## **SNOW PLOW**

Appropriation	\$600.00	Expenditures:	
		Equipment	\$592.00
		Unexpended Balance	8.00
			_____
	\$600.00		\$600.00

### **SUNNYSIDE TERRACE**

Appropriation	\$1,805.00	Expenditures:	
		Wages	\$272.40
		Material	320.89
		Hired Equipment	125.00
			\$718.29
		Unexpended Balance	1,086.71
	\$1,805.00		\$1,805.00

### **2-TON DUMP TRUCK**

Appropriation	\$4,700.00	Expenditures:	
		Equipment	\$4,551.42
		Lettering	10.00
		Registration Plates	3.00
			\$4,564.42
		Unexpended Balance	135.58
	\$4,700.00		\$4,700.00

### **Insurance and Bonding**

Appropriation	\$5,500.00	Expenditures:	
From Reserve	171.85	Town Collector and Treasurer's Bonds	\$557.45
		Insurance on Town Buildings	2,756.47
		Compensation Ins.	2,357.93
	\$5,671.85		\$5,671.85

### **Interest**

Appropriation	\$50.00	Expenditures:	
From Reserve	61.89	Payment	\$111.89
	\$111.89		\$111.89

### **Legal**

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	Expenditures:	
		Salary	\$200.00
		Fees	30.65
			\$230.65
		Unexpended Balance	769.35
	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00

## Library

Appropriation	\$11,656.86	Expenditures:	
Dog Tax	980.14	Payroll	\$7,122.57
From Reserve	500.00	Supplies	294.65
		Insurance	377.51
		Utilities	1,348.57
		Miscellaneous	17.00
		Outside Services	1,163.00
		Equipment	130.00
		Books	2,506.92
		Unexpended Balance	\$12,960.22
			176.78
	\$13,137.00		
			\$13,137.00

## Memorial Day

Appropriation	\$250.00	Expenditures:	
		Supplies	\$176.60
		Expenses	73.40
	\$250.00		\$250.00

## Mosquito Control

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	Expenditures:	
		Outside Services	\$2,000.00
	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00

## Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	\$21,000.00	Expenditures:	
Federal Grant, 1957	3,402.40	Druggists	\$972.27
Federal Grant, 1958	15,922.29	Nursing Home Care	2,576.68
Refunds	128.79	Hospitalization	1,632.44
		Ambulance Service	64.00
		Cities and Towns	1,614.28
		Physicians	68.00
		Cash Grants	29,927.19
		Unexpended Balance	\$36,854.86
			3,598.62
	\$40,453.48		
			\$40,453.48

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Federal Grant, 1957	\$1,741.51	Expenditures:	
Federal Grant, 1958	1,432.47	Office Supplies	\$127.26
		Painting and Repairs to Office	704.85
		Postage	121.40
		Transportation (agent)	150.00
		Office Equipment	360.05
		Dues, etc.	31.20
			<hr/>
			\$1,494.76
		Unexpended Balance	1,679.22
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	\$3,173.98		\$3,173.98

## **Parks Expense Account**

Appropriation	\$2,060.00	Expenditures:	
		Wages	\$199.90
		Outside Services	45.00
			<hr/>
			\$244.90
		Unexpended Balance	1,815.10
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	\$2,060.00		\$2,060.00

## **Pest Control**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	Expenditures:	
		Outside Services	\$110.00
		Labor	393.00
		Repairs	4.40
			<hr/>
			\$507.40
		Unexpended Balance	1,492.60
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	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00

## **Planning Board**

Appropriation	\$500.00	Expenditures:	
		Advertising	\$24.65
		Dues	20.00
		Supplies	32.81
		Engineering Services	200.00
			<hr/>
			\$277.46
		Unexpended Balance	222.54
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$500.00		\$500.00

## Playground Expense Account

Appropriation	\$4,400.00	Expenditures:	
		Wages	\$1,792.95
		Supplies	264.14
		Material	728.68
		Outside Services	133.94
		Transportation	1,170.00
		Utilities	15.09
		Equipment	62.75
		Hired Equipment	27.50
			_____
			\$4,195.05
		Unexpended Balance	204.95
	\$4,400.00		_____
			\$4,400.00

## Police Department

Appropriation	\$20,000.00	Expenditures	
		Salaries and Wages	\$17,377.38
		Utilities	176.53
		Insurance	453.65
		Clothes	324.59
		Gas, Oil, Repairs	1,260.44
		Dues	104.00
		Supplies	197.38
			_____
			\$19,893.97
		Unexpended Balance	106.03
	\$20,000.00		_____
			\$20,000.00

## POLICE CRUISER

Appropriation	\$2,400.00	Expenditures:	
		Cruiser	\$2,248.00
		Unexpended Balance	152.00
	\$2,400.00		_____
			\$2,400.00

## Printing Town Reports

Appropriation	\$2,200.00	Expenditures:	
		Printing	\$2,137.60
		Photographer	39.00
			_____
			\$2,176.60
		Unexpended Balance	23.40
	\$2,200.00		_____
			\$2,200.00

## **Registrars' Expense Account**

Appropriation	\$200.00	Expenditures:	
		Supplies	\$123.77
		Unexpended Balance	76.23
	\$200.00		\$200.00

## **Reserve Fund**

Appropriation	\$12,000.00	Expenditures	
		Transfers to	
		General Relief	\$2,585.21
		Road Machinery	
		Operating Account	620.25
		Interest Account	61.89
		Library	500.00
		Insurance and Bonding	171.85
		Town Clerk's Expense	35.28
		Town Collector's Expense	54.30
		Town Office and Build-	
		ings Maintenance	628.07
		Water Department	
		Maintenance	248.10
			\$4,904.95
		Unexpended Balance	7,095.05
	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00

## **Road Machinery Operating Account**

Appropriation	\$4,400.00	Expenditures:	
Transferred from		Gas and Oil	\$2,275.98
Reserve	620.25	Electric Pump	126.65
		Repairs and Parts	2,617.62
	\$5,020.25		\$5,020.25

## **School Bonds and Interest**

### **1949 — MEMORIAL SCHOOL**

Appropriation	\$21,255.00	Expenditures	\$21,255.00
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## **School Bonds and Interest**

### **1953 — PINES SCHOOL AND MEMORIAL ADDITIONS**

Appropriations	\$25,225.00	Expenditures	\$25,225.00
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### **1956 — STONY HILL SCHOOL**

Appropriation	\$37,327.50	Expenditures	\$37,327.50
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## 1957 — STONY HILL SCHOOL ADDITION

Appropriation	\$30,725.00	Expenditures	\$30,725.00
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### School Building

#### STONY HILL

Balance Jan. 1, 1958	\$138.52	Expenditures	\$138.52
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#### STONY HILL ADDITION

Balance Jan. 1, 1958	\$230,817.04	Expenditures:	
		Contractor	\$129,968.00
		Architect	2,048.01
		Site Development	5,126.20
		Equipment	13,215.00
		Miscellaneous	15.93
			<hr/>
			\$150,373.14
		Unexpended Balance	80,443.90
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	\$230,817.04		\$230,817.04

### Selectmen's Contingent Fund

Appropriation	\$1,500.00	Expenditures	
		Dues	\$73.00
		Supplies	313.86
		Advertising	118.21
		Survey	96.00
		Outside Services	59.30
		Directory	20.00
		Prizes	17.50
		Damages	10.00
		Subscriptions	6.50
		Miscellaneous	184.91
			<hr/>
			\$899.28
		Unexpended Balance	600.72
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	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00

### Stabilization Fund

Balance December 31, 1957	\$89,128.59
Appropriation Town Meeting 1958	45,000.00
Interest	2,920.21
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Balance December 31, 1958	\$137,048.80

### Stabilization Fund

Appropriation	\$45,000.00	Expenditures:	
		Payment to Bank	\$45,000.00
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	\$45,000.00		\$45,000.00

### Street Lights

Appropriation	\$5,500.00	Expenditures:	
		Utilities	\$5,152.92
		Unexpended Balance	347.08
	\$5,500.00		\$5,500.00

### Town Clerk's Expense

Appropriation	\$200.00	Expenditures:	
From Reserve	35.28	Dues	\$7.50
		Supplies	188.62
		Postage	16.88
		Advertising	14.28
		Miscellaneous Expense	8.00
	\$235.28		\$235.28

### Town Officers' and Employees' Salaries

Appropriation	\$29,000.00	Expenditures:	
		Selectmen	\$1,850.00
		Assessors	1,749.00
		Town Clerk	1,300.00
		Town Treasurer	1,300.00
		Town Collector	2,900.00
		Moderator	50.00
		Auditor	200.00
		Building Inspectors	1,811.90
		Welfare Agent	4,400.00
		Registrars	792.00
		Sealer of Weights and Measures	275.00
		Animal Inspector	65.00
		Slaughtering Inspector	50.00
		Dog Officer	75.00
		Water Commissioners	450.00
		Veterans' Agent	300.00
		Clerical	11,315.63
			\$28,883.53
		Unexpended Balance	116.47
	\$29,000.00		\$29,000.00

### Town Office and Buildings Maintenance

Appropriation	\$5,000.00	Expenditures:	
Transferred from Reserve	628.07	Utilities	\$1,898.80
		Outside Services	245.43
		Supplies	368.96
		Wages	614.10
		Painting	1,851.00
		Fuel	649.78
	\$5,628.07		\$5,628.07

### **Treasurer's Expense**

Appropriation	\$400.00	Expenditures:	
		Dues	\$2.00
		Insurance	54.50
		Car Expense	100.00
		Supplies	65.72
		Fees	11.00
		Postage	102.30
		Miscellaneous Expense	23.40
			<hr/>
			\$358.92
		Unexpended Balance	41.08
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	\$400.00		\$400.00

### **Town Treasurer's Land Court Expense Account**

Appropriation	\$250.00	Unexpended Balance	\$250.00
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### **Tree Warden**

Appropriation, 1957	\$591.00	Expenditures:	
Appropriation	1,600.00	Outside Services	\$1,860.00
		Supplies and Labor	331.00
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	\$2,191.00		\$2,191.00

### **Veterans' Benefits**

Appropriation	\$4,500.00	Expenditures:	
Refund	20.45	Cash Grants	\$2,932.21
		Druggists	217.78
		Hospitals	420.56
		Physicians	69.90
		Forms	11.81
		Clerical Services	36.00
		Food	10.05
		Nursing Services	6.75
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			\$3,705.06
		Unexpended Balance	815.39
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	\$4,520.45		\$4,520.45

## Water Department

### DECORIE DRIVE

Appropriation from 1957	\$2,210.00	Expenditures:	
		Payrolls	\$647.70
		Supplies	1,501.40
		Outside Services	38.43
			<hr/>
		Unexpended Balance	\$2,187.53
			22.47
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	\$2,210.00		\$2,210.00

### EDGEWOOD ROAD

Appropriation from 1957	\$1,350.00	Expenditures:	
		Payrolls	\$334.90
		Supplies	805.70
		Outside Services	77.15
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		Unexpended Balance	\$1,217.75
			132.25
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	\$1,350.00		\$1,350.00

### FACULTY STREET

Appropriation from 1947	\$2,414.01	Expenditures:	
		Engineering Services	\$1,447.32
		Outside Services	966.69
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	\$2,414.01		\$2,414.01

### INSTALLATIONS

Appropriation	\$15,000.00	Expenditures:	
		Payrolls	\$1,979.73
		Supplies	9,329.59
		Outside Services	549.64
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		Unexpended Balance	\$11,858.96
			3,141.04
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	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00

## **MAINTENANCE**

Appropriation	\$23,600.00	Expenditures:	
From Reserve	248.10	Payrolls	\$7,331.80
		Supplies	5,827.70
		Insurance and	
		Registration Fees	210.16
		Outside Services	1,760.60
		Water —	
		Hydrant Rental	6,906.93
		Repairs	296.46
		Office Supplies	365.46
		Engineering Services	61.08
		Electricity	644.92
		Fuel and Gasoline	423.64
		Miscellaneous	19.35
	\$23,848.10		\$23,848.10

## **16" MAIN — BOSTON ROAD**

Appropriation	\$75,000.00	Expenditures:	
Bond Issue	60,000.00	Payrolls	\$869.87
		Supplies	87,129.50
		Advertising	66.36
		Engineering Services	6,904.56
		Outside Services	30,412.81
			\$125,383.10
		Unexpended Balance	9,616.90
	\$135,000.00		\$135,000.00

## **12" METER**

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	Expenditures:	
		Payrolls	\$74.35
		Express	21.42
		Supplies	1,296.56
		Outside Service	15.50
		Engineering Service	1,157.78
			\$2,565.61
		Unexpended Balance	434.39
	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00

## **WATER BONDS AND INTEREST**

### **1955 — 16" Main — Main Street**

Appropriation	\$6,837.50	Expenditures	\$6,837.50
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**WATER NOTES AND INTEREST  
1953 — 16" Main — Miller Street**

Appropriation	\$11,237.50	Expenditures	\$11,237.50
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**Wilbraham Contributory Retirement Account  
(Town's Portion)**

Appropriation	\$7,457.35	Expenditures:	
		Payment to County	\$7,457.35
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	\$7,457.35		\$7,457.35

# Town Services — Telephone Directory

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## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

### *Fire Department*

To Report a Fire .....	LY 6-3111
Station — Boston Road .....	LY 6-3122
Station — Main Street .....	LY 6-3916
Chief Tupper .....	LY 6-3014

### *Police*

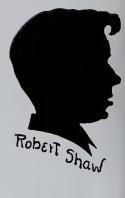
State Police .....	Palmer 800
Local Patrol .....	LY 6-3816
Sergeant Pollitt .....	LY 6-4756

**Civil Defense .....** LY 6-3816

**Director Hintze .....** LY 6-3030

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<i>Department</i>	<i>Call</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Assessors	Assessors	LY 6-3816
Birth, Death, Marriage Certificates	Town Clerk	LY 6-3816
Board of Health	Selectmen	LY 6-3816
Building Permits	Town Clerk Inspector	LY 6-3807
Charities and Relief	Welfare Department	LY 6-3816
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	LY 6-3816
Dog Roaming	Dog Officer	LY 6-3816
Fishing & Hunting Licenses	Town Clerk	LY 6-3816
Forest Warden	Fire Chief	LY 6-3122
Highways	Superintendent	LY 6-3060
Library	Librarian	LY 6-4461
Planning Board	Secretary	LY 6-3816
Rubbish, Garbage Disposal	Selectmen	LY 6-3816
Supt. of Schools	Memorial	LY 6-4266
Schools	Pines	LY 6-4974
Schools	Springfield St.	LY 6-4642
Schools	Memorial	LY 6-3465
Schools	Stony Hill Road	LY 6-4974
School Nurse	Memorial	LY 6-3465
Taxes	Town Collector	LY 6-3816
Town Treasurer	Treasurer	LY 6-3816
Trees	Tree Warden	LY 6-3595
Veterans Services	Veterans Agent	JU 3-2115
Visiting Nurse	Visiting Nurse Assoc.	Spfld. RE 2-4145
Water Department	Superintendent Sundays and Holidays	LY 6-3816 LY 6-3413





Marion Brown



James Goodman



Ferne Chessor



Joseph Shulbert



Helen Ziemba



Stanley Karetz



David Donaldson



Robert Bednarz



Rosemary Bianco



Roland Plosirski



Warren Richter



Barbara Cieplinski



Larry Wilson



Robert Laird



Pete Clark



Donald Corey



Richard Jackson



Gloria Gouvin



John Moise



June Phelon



Robert Sullivan



Jeannie Mills



Carol Fey



Calvin Minor



Robert Nordlin



William Payne



Nancy Bradley



Richard Cochran



Irene Constantine



Stanley Johnson



Jonina Herter



Richard Allie



Richard Boynton



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